

The Spotlight

Westborough Fine Arts

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT ISSUE

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Joining WFAEA is 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 at Westborough Public Schools.

Join today!

www.wfaea.org/membership

Attend a Meeting!

Our next WFAEA meeting will be on

June 13, 2023
at 7:00pm

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

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

Hello Fine Arts Friends & Families,

In some ways, it feels like only yesterday that we opened for a new and exciting school year. It has been truly incredible to see what students and teachers across the district have accomplished. Not only have we been creating and performing each day in class, but the Fine Arts Department has presented over 85 evening events for the community to showcase the wonderful work of our students. I am so proud and honored to be part of such a wonderful community.

To the Class of 2023: Thank you for showing us how to approach life's challenges with resiliency, humor, and artistry. Your kindness and constant drive to raise expectations for yourself and others has been a model of leadership for the entire district and you will be sorely missed next year. Do great things and be sure to keep in touch.

Finally, thank you to WFAEA for being a constant source of support and advocacy for our programming. Our parents and family members are just as valued as our students and we could not do the work we do without you.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer and I cannot wait to see everyone in September!

Sincerely,

Christopher Martin



MESSAGES FROM WFAEA

Congratulations Class of 2023, you made it! On behalf of the Westborough Fine Arts Education Association Board, we are so proud of you, and wish you much future success. Please keep in touch with us as you continue your love for the fine arts at college and in the real world. Tag WFAEA on the socials if you are singing, dancing, acting, playing or creating art in the coming years – we want to hear from you!

As this school year winds down, we wanted to take a moment to thank all the parents, caregivers and family members who volunteered their time, attended meetings, became members, dropped off items for concessions, and otherwise supported the fine arts in Westborough schools. We'd also like to give a big shout out of thanks to Chris Martin, Director of Fine Arts and all choir, band, orchestra theater and visual arts staff across the district for their collaboration and partnership this year. Lastly, thank you to Deb Cushman who served as VP of the WFAEA Board this year and will be stepping off. We are so grateful for all of you!

WFAEA is thrilled to have awarded over 30 graduating seniors with scholarships as well as funded many clinicians and fine arts projects this year at Armstrong, Mill Pond, Gibbons and WHS. We look forward to receiving more clinician and fine arts project requests from across the district next school year!

Keep your calendar open for our f meeting on September 12, 2023 at 7pm. More information to follow. We would love to have some new families join us - there are always ways to help! Even if your children are at Gibbons or Mill Pond, it's never too early to get involved. Wishing everyone a safe, sunny and relaxing summer!

Lisa Chace & Jess Crandall
2022-23 WFAEA Co-Presidents



TREASURER

IN TRAINING

WFAEA will have an open board position and needs YOU!

Learn the responsibilities and meet the fun group as you shadow our current treasurer.

EMAIL: president@wfaea.org for more information!



Congratulations to our fine arts seniors!



**CLASS OF
2023**



Westborough fine arts seniors were recognized at the
Fine Arts Banquet on May 20, 2023

Best of luck!
To all of our graduating
Orchestra seniors!



Last day of Orchestra
pics!



Scholarships



The Westborough Fine Arts Education Association proudly awarded over \$10,000 in scholarships to deserving Westborough High School seniors. We are delighted to announce this year's distinguished recipients.

Participation in the Arts Scholarship: This scholarship is offered to any Westborough High School student who has dedicated themselves to taking courses within the Fine Arts Department for all four years of their high school career and earned at least an "A" average in these classes. This year's recipients are:

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| Marley Allen | Siyuan Che | Paige Kinsky |
| Riley Allen | Chase Crandall | Sanjana Kumar |
| Colin Barr | Abigail Cushman | Rachel Martin |
| Devin Barr | Ana Claudia da Silva | Andrew Nadar |
| Sean Barry | Vaishnavi Desai | William Plunkett |
| Ava Biancheri | Alaina Fernandes | Ella Silverberg |
| Ian Chace | Sophie Jain | Ronald Young Reents |

Passion for the Arts Scholarship: This scholarship is awarded to any Westborough High School student who plans on pursuing post-secondary studies in the Fine Arts. The student must have a declared Fine Arts major. Student will have dedicated themselves to taking courses within the Fine Arts Department for all four years of their high school career and earned at least an "A" average in each of these classes. This year's recipients are:

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| Lydia Alviene | Samuel French | Emma Spear |
| J Diette | Tyler Keogh | |

Congratulations!



Scholarships



"D-Wing" Unsung Hero Award, The Unsung Hero awards recognize students who have positively influenced a music program at WHS (Band, Chorus or Orchestra) from behind the scenes with a positive attitude, a willingness to help in whatever capacity necessary, and a commitment to excellence. This year's recipients are:

Andrew Gray

Rory Mayhew

William Plunkett

Paige Kinsky

Caroline Payant

Trisha Rajasekar

Rachel Martin

Harshitha Sunchu

Corinne Sciarappa Memorial Scholarship, Corinne Sciarappa (WHS Class of '19) was a beloved member of the Westborough High School creative community with a keen interest in STEAM, who passed away in 2019 due to cancer. The Corrine Sciarappa Memorial Scholarship was established in 2023 to honor Corinne's memory and impact on the school. It supports the education of those community members who may share in some of Corinne's joys, challenges, and aspirations, letting Corinne continue to support fellow students as they march with the band, become immersed in Modernism, or express themselves in whatever way resonates with them. In doing so, it embodies the compassion and kindness that Corinne always showed to others, and helps WHS students to foster a connection with their creative spirit and a focus on building a better world.

This year's recipient of the Corinne Sciarappa Memorial Scholarship is :

Tyler Keogh

SEAT OF RECOGNITION

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

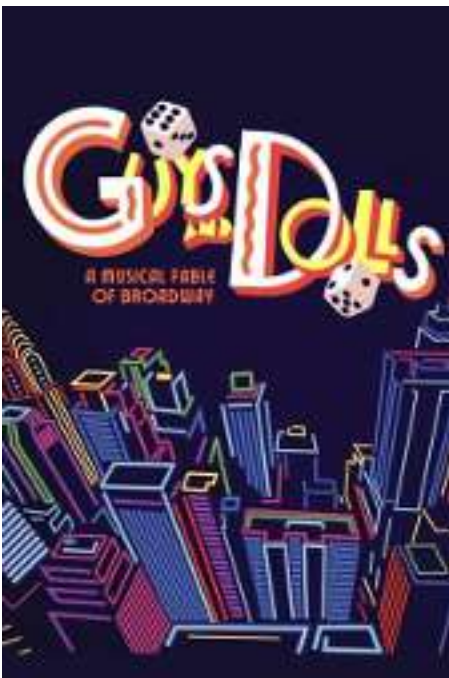


Recognize someone special with a brass plate on the arm of a Westborough High School auditorium seat! A perfect way to honor your graduating senior, thank a favorite teacher or leave your favorite quote behind.

Donate \$40 for a 4" x 1 1/2" 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.

WHS SPRING MUSICAL



On April 28th & 29th, the auditorium of Westborough High School filled with applause as the curtains closed on another incredible performance by Center Stage. The recent spring musical, "Guys and Dolls," transported the audience to the bustling streets of 1950's New York City with its talented cast, tech crew, and pit orchestra. The actors skillfully portrayed the characters, bringing their charm and wit to the forefront. Equally deserving of praise, the tech crew seamlessly transformed the stage into a vibrant cityscape, while the musicians in the pit orchestra set the perfect musical backdrop.

Bravo to everyone who helped to bring this fabulous Center Stage production of "Guys and Dolls" to the stage!



MARCHING BAND AT FENWAY



Exciting News from the WHS Rangers Marching Band!

We are thrilled to share that our talented Marching Band had the opportunity to perform at historic Fenway Park on April 20th. This marked the band's third performance at the iconic baseball stadium. The sun was shining brightly as the band members showcased their talents by performing the national anthem.

Adding to the joy of the day, the Boston Red Sox emerged victorious, making the experience even more memorable. Congratulations to our WHS Marching Band on being selected for this exciting opportunity!

A CAPPELLOOZA

Chamber Singers, Double Take,
Harmony in Heels, Members Only &
Don't Panic!

2023



Westborough High School's A Cappella groups performed to a packed audience at their annual, end of year showcase on May 26th in the high school lobby.



Tri-M Board

A very special thank you to this year's Tri-M board (pictured right) and the many members of Tri-M who worked hard this year to help make MICCA, Pops Night and all of the fine arts concerts and events a success. We will miss those who are graduating - GOOD LUCK TO YOU ALL! And we welcome the incoming board and look forward to working together next year!



Tri-M Board

ENSEMBLE SPOTLIGHT

MILL POND CHAMBER CHORUS



The Mill Pond Chamber Chorus is an after school chamber chorus open to 5th and 6th grade chorus members. The Chamber Chorus has been meeting since January of 2014, shortly after Ms. Ehrenreich began teaching at the Mill Pond School. She realized fairly quickly that the chorus students really loved singing and wanted more opportunities to spread their joy of making music. Thus, the Mill Pond Chamber Chorus was founded.

It is an auditioned group of 35-40 5th and 6th students who perform at school functions such as "Across America Day", "UN Summit", Memorial Day Assemblies and the Spring Choral Concert to name a few. The members of the chorus enjoy sharing their love of singing and participating in these co-curricular Mill Pond events.

Auditions for the chorus take place in January. At the auditions, students sing a song individually for Ms. Ehrenreich, along with a few vocal exercises. Once auditions are completed, the chamber chorus is selected and rehearsals begin shortly thereafter. The chamber chorus meets after school on Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00pm through the end of the school year.

CENTRAL DISTRICT JUNIOR HIGH FESTIVAL

The Central District of the Massachusetts Music Educators Association hosts a yearly festival that brings together talented students from schools across central Massachusetts. During this event, students showcase their skills by auditioning for spots in district wide concert band, jazz band, chorus, or orchestra ensembles. On April 29th, selected students from Gibbons Middle School performed at Franklin High School along with musicians from other neighboring Middle schools at the 2023 CDMMEA Junior High School Concert Festival.



Congratulations to all the performers on their hard work and exceptional performance!



SMALL ENSEMBLES SPRING CONCERT



2ND ANNUAL POPS NIGHT



WFAEA's 2nd Annual Pops Night was an unforgettable evening that celebrated the immense talent within our fine arts department. The event commenced with a delectable array of appetizers graciously provided by our generous sponsors. As guests mingled, they were entertained with music by our small ensemble groups while they perused some of the impressive artwork of our AP Art seniors on display. At 7:00 pm, attendees made their way into the auditorium for a series of performances by the WHS bands, choirs, and orchestras. The night was a testament to the exceptional abilities of our students and a testament to the immense support and enthusiasm of our community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who made this event a resounding success.



POPS NIGHT 2023

The WHS Orchestras, Bands, and Choirs entertained a packed auditorium with a captivating selection of popular songs. It was truly an unforgettable evening.

WATCH HERE! →



MEMORIAL DAY 2023

WHS & GMS Marching Bands marched and performed during Westborough's Memorial Day parade and ceremonies held on May 29th.



Gibbons Middle School Band, Chorus and Chamber Ensemble performed on May 26th celebrating Memorial Day with patriotic music, poetry and featured speakers

CONCERTS

On May 11th, the Gibbons Middle School Chorus and Orchestra gave a wonderful performance, marking the grand finale of their school year. The concert was a testament to the dedication and hard work of the 7th and 8th graders throughout the year.

[CLICK HERE](#) 



CONCERTS

Swing into Spring



The Westborough jazz students got in the spirit of Spring with their *Swing into Spring* performance on April 11th. This jazz concert, showcased talented students from the Gibbons Middle School Jazz Band, led by director Doug Dufresne, and the Westborough High School Jazz Band, under the guidance of director Evan Doyle.

7th & 8th Grade Band



On Tuesday, May 2, 2023 the Gibbons Middle School band performed this outstanding concert.

4th Grade Chorus



Fourth grade chorus students at Mill Pond performed a wonderful spring concert on May 10th.

CONCERTS

Mill Pond Strings Concert



On May 30th, 5th & 6th Grade Strings student performed in their Spring Concert at Mill Pond.

Armstrong 3rd Grade Strings Concert



Third grade students from Armstrong performing their Spring String Concert on May 15, 2023.

Fales 3rd Grade Strings Concert



Third grade students from Fales Elementary performing their Spring String Concert on May 15, 2023.

NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY

**Congratulations to all of the students
who were inducted into the WHS
chapter of the National Art Honor
Society on May 3rd!**

2023 NAHS Inductees:

*Esther Antony
Daniella Arcieri
Talia Bedar
Caroline Biddle
Georgia Bradley
Ana Claudia da Silva (senior)
Rebecca Frogel (senior)
Elizabeth Hammond (senior)
Sara Huang
Nason Hubbard
Lola Hudnall
Emily McLaughlin
Kathleen O'Reilly
Isabella Perryman
Emmalyn Tse
Gianna Vassilakis
Lily Villaflor
Ella Walker
Sophia Winsch
Riley Wright (senior)*



WHS FINE ARTS HONOR SOCIETIES



Find out more about NAHS here!

The National Art Honor Society programs provide national recognition and opportunities for students who exhibit outstanding scholarship in the visual arts and for their teachers.

Participation in NAHS provides your students, faculty, school and community with invaluable benefits, including peer recognition, leadership growth opportunities, college and career preparation, recognition of our art program, and so much more. - NAEA Website



The WHS Chapter of NAHS was established in 2021-2022 and currently has 16 members. This year's induction ceremony will be held in the spring.



Tri-M is the national honor society for student musicians. It is designed to recognize students for their academic and musical achievements, reward them for their accomplishments and service activities, and to inspire other students to excel at music and leadership. Currently, there are over 2,100 chapters in all 50 states, involving more than 84,000 students.

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

SHOUT OUTS

Congratulations to Sam and the Class of 2023!



Thank you
to the amazing
fine arts faculty for
all of their hard
work and
dedication!

The French Family



Dylan Guadiz

*Congrats to Dylan!
We are proud of you!*



CONGRATULATIONS TYLER KEOGH & WHS CLASS OF 2023!!



*Thank you to all of the
Fine Arts faculty &
staff who supported
him all of the way!*

*With Gratitude,
The Keogh Family ❤️*

CONGRATULATIONS AP ART SENIORS!

We are proud to highlight the work of six of our graduating seniors in AP Art.

They have each selected pieces to share below.



WHS AP ART STUDENT SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

KATE
CAPELLO



Hi! I'm Kate Capello and I will be attending the University of South Carolina next fall and will be majoring in Marketing! Photography really guided me throughout high school and even though I will not be pursuing it in college, I definitely want to continue it on my own.



CONGRATULATIONS AP ART SENIORS!

WHS AP ART STUDENT SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

AVA BIANCHERI



Ava Biancheri

Hi my name is Ava Biancheri and I am a senior taking AP 2D Art & Design. I plan on going to Wheaton College and majoring in Business. I'm thankful for my time in the Fine Arts Department at WHS including photography, orchestra, and pottery. I'm considering a minor in photography, but I will definitely take art courses and continue to grow my portfolio!



Ava Biancheri

WHS AP ART STUDENT SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

ALAN NGUYEN

Hi guys my name is Alan Nguyen and I am a current Westborough High School senior. I will be attending either Tufts or Northeastern University where I plan to major in computer science. I think photography has been one of the most fun experiences I've had here at WHS and I plan to continue taking photos throughout my life!



Alan Nguyen

CONGRATULATIONS AP ART SENIORS!

WHS AP ART STUDENT SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

BO STIDSEN



My name is Bo Stidsen and I will be attending Vermont State University for the resort and hospitality program at Killington Mountain.

I have enjoyed my time spent in photography and AP 2D, and I hope to continue to expand my editing skills in the future.



WHS AP ART STUDENT SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

BRADY HUGHES



Hi, my name is Brady Hughes, and I am a senior at Westborough High School. I will attend Saint Anselm College and plan to major in Marketing with a minor in Studio Art. I want to thank everyone in the Arts District, especially Ms. Lane and Mr. Martin. I have had such an amazing experience here!



CONGRATULATIONS AP ART SENIORS!

WHS AP ART STUDENT SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Decker Hardin

Hi, my name is Decker Hardin, and I'm a senior here at Westborough High School. Next year I will continue my academic and lacrosse career at Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island. Although I am not studying arts in college, I hope to explore my artistic path further. Thank you to all the art teachers at WHS.



Decker Hardin



Decker Hardin

TOWN WIDE ART EXHIBIT

May 15th & 16th

Westborough Public Schools held their annual art exhibit featuring selected artwork from grades K-12. This exhibit is held in the WHS lobby each year and is open to the public.



The exhibit gives the community an inside look at what all of our art classrooms worked on during the school year and recognizes some of the artistic talent of our exceptional students in all grades.

WFAEA's Impact: Funding Grants, Clinicians, and Community Projects



We are excited to share the incredible ways in which WFAEA has utilized its funds to support various initiatives within our community.

Clinicians:

One of the key focuses of WFAEA is to bring in talented clinicians who can inspire and guide our students in their artistic journeys. Over this past school year, WFAEA has funded several clinicians, enabling them to work with different music programs and orchestras in our schools. Here are some of the clinicians we supported:

- Guest clinician Dr. Lindsay Bronnekant, from UMASS Amherst, worked with the WHS Concert and Symphonic Bands on March 1st and March 17th.
- Guest clinician, Susan Memoli, from Wayland High School, worked with the Gibbons Middle School Orchestra on March 7th.
- Guest clinician Adam Boyles, Director of the MIT Orchestra, worked with the WHS orchestras on March 10th and March 15th.
- Guest clinician, Michele Adams, from the Performing Arts Center of Metrowest, worked with the three academic choir ensembles at WHS on February 16th and March 16th.
- Guest clinician, Michael Keough, from King Philip Regional HS, worked with the GMS Concert & Jazz bands on March 17th.

Teacher Grants:

In addition, WFAEA has been proud to offer grants to fine arts faculty to support innovative projects and initiatives. Here are a few examples of the teacher grants we recently funded:

- Gelli Printing Plates for Mill Pond: WFAEA awarded funds to Mill Pond Art Teacher, Amy Crossin, to facilitate the introduction of Gelli Printing Plates at Mill Pond, providing students with a unique and creative artistic medium.
- Armstrong Beat Tables: WFAEA awarded funds to support the acquisition of Armstrong beat tables, promoting rhythm and music education at its finest.
- Fales Instrument Stand and Mallets: WFAEA awarded funds for Fales School to purchase this needed equipment.

Supporting Community Projects:

WFAEA has also recently made a \$200 donation to Project Graduation as well as funding of transportation for Center Stage students to attend a performance of "Evita" at the prestigious American Repertory Theater.

We are incredibly proud of the impact WFAEA has had on our community. Through the contributions like those discussed above, along with our scholarships, we continue to nurture the arts and promote artistic growth among our students. None of this would be possible without the continued effort of our dedicated members and supporters. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our students and the future of arts education in Westborough!



WFAEA BUSINESS SPONSORS



Exciting news ! WFAEA has purchased a large screen TV and stand to be used to electronically display the logos of our Orchestra-level business sponsors as well as important fine arts news during WHS fine arts concerts and events. This new addition will provide a platform for local businesses to showcase their support for the arts. We're looking forward to adding additional fun content as we move forward! Look for the display outside of the auditorium at the next event!

Become a sponsor and have your Logo presented on the new electronic display at an upcoming event.



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WFAEA thanks our generous 2022-2023 supporters

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Anonymous
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The Swanson/Fitch Family
The Cushman Family
Liza Hubbard
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Roberta Di Terlizzi

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The Burow Family
The Plunkett Family
Maria and Zahid Ahmed

Encore (\$150)

The Chong Family
The Kinsky Family
Josh Gordon & Naomi Botkin
Anna Leduc and Mark Zepf
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Salute (\$30)

The Gros Family



Cheer (\$75)

The Martin Family



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DONATE



Become a WFAEA Member

Special Events We Support:

MICCA
Choral Collage
Band-o-Rama
Senior Banquet
POPS Night
Center Stage Concessions

Membership funds support:

Student scholarships
Funding for clinicians
Replacing/repairing instruments and uniforms
Providing art and theater equipment
Need-based financial assistance for activity fees



WFAEA 2022-23 OFFICERS

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|----------------|------------------|
| Co-Presidents | Lisa Chace |
| | Jessica Crandall |
| Vice President | Debra Cushman |
| Treasurer | Jennifer Niece |
| Secretary | Kathy Swanson |

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Westborough's Fine Arts



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fine arts in the Westborough Public Schools
Find out more here:



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