

The Spotlight Westborough Fine Arts

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Our next WFAEA meeting will be January 10, 2023

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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 have already had quite a few wonderful performances this year, and I hope to see you at one of our many upcoming Winter concerts:

- **WHS Vocal Pops Concert: Thursday, December 1st at 7pm**
- **Gibbons Winter Concert #1: Wednesday, December 7th at 7pm**
- **Gibbons Winter Concert #2: Thursday, December 8th at 7pm**
- **WHS Band Concert: Monday, December 12th at 7pm**
- **WHS Chorus & Orchestra Concert: Thursday, December 15th at 7pm**
- **WHS Jazz Concert: Thursday, January 5th at 7pm**

I would like to thank all of our parent volunteers who have helped make our events run so smoothly this year, as well as extend my appreciation to all of our families for their support throughout the year. I speak on behalf of the entire Fine Arts faculty when I say how grateful we are to work in such a supportive community.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year!

Sincerely,
Christopher Martin



UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Events:

Dec 1st, 7pm:
Vocal Pops Concert

Dec 7th, 7pm:
Gibbons Concert 1

Dec 8th, 7pm:
Gibbons Concert 2

Dec 12th, 7pm:
WHS Band Concert

Dec 15th, 7pm:
WHS Orchestra/Chorus
Concert

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

Jan 5th, 7pm:
WHS Jazz Band concert

Jan 18th, 7pm:
WHS Small Ensembles
Concert

Jan 20th, 7pm:
Winter production

Jan 21st, 7pm:
Winter production

Jan 26th, 7pm:
Choral Collage

Jan 31st, 7pm:
Tri-M Induction

CALLING ALL ALUMNI!

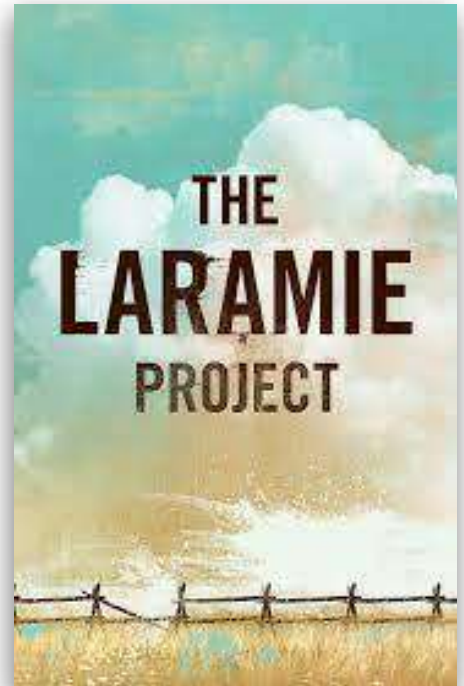
Please join the chorus at our annual winter concert on Dec 15th at 7pm. We will invite all to sing and celebrate the holidays with us.

Please join Center Stage for our winter show:

THE LARAMIE PROJECT

Thursday, Jan 19th
Friday, Jan 20th
and
Saturday Jan 21th
at 7:00 PM.

A play by Moisés Kaufman about the reaction to the 1998 murder of of gay University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyoming.



Tickets can be found at www.whscenterstage.com.

Join us at

Family Music Night

Mr. Kinney, Ms. Prouty, and Mrs. Yanco hope to see you at Family Music Night on Monday, **December 12th** from 6:30-7:00 on Zoom! Come sing festive songs and of course, laugh at Mr. Kinney's silly jokes.

click for ZOOM link:

zoom

MEETING ID: 814 2816 4680

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



New Faculty: Allison Jané - Digital Arts at WHS



Allison Jané is the new Digital Arts Teacher at Westborough High School. She is currently teaching Digital Photography 1 & 2, Graphic Design, and AP 2D Art & Design. Before joining the Fine Arts Department at WHS, Allison worked at West Boylston Middle High School as one of the high school art teachers for the past seven years and served as the Visual Arts Department Leader for the past two years.

As an alumni of the Westborough High School class of 2007, Allison is excited to return home and contribute to the department that motivated her to pursue a career in art education. After graduating from The George Washington University in 2011, Allison worked at Westborough High School as a paraeducator while working towards receiving her teaching license from Framingham State University. In the spring of 2014 Allison had the distinct honor of completing her student teaching requirement at Westborough High School under the mentorship of John Hayes.



As an artist, Allison enjoys exploring and experimenting with a range of traditional, digital, and fiber-based arts. Most recently she has added rigid heddle weaving to her artistic interests.

Welcome back to WHS, Allison!

CELEBRATIONS



On November 1st, WHS String Quartet performed at the Doubletree Hotel in Westborough during the *Good Scouts Award Ceremony*, honoring Karen Henderson and Amber Bock.



3rd grade strings players at Hastings Elementary school celebrate Halloween with strings teacher, Ms. Gerratt, in front of their colorful Dia de los Muertos display in the cafeteria.

THEATER SPOTLIGHT

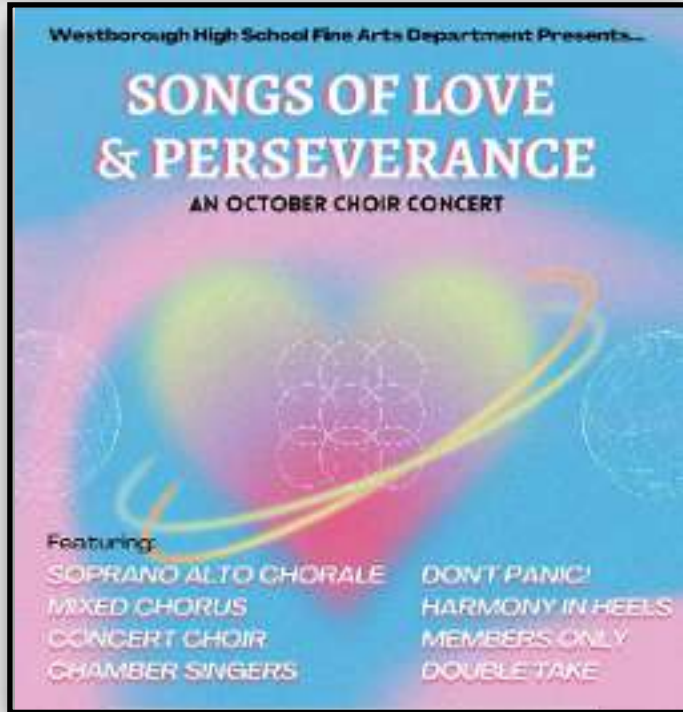
GIBBONS MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL PLAY



On October 21st and 22nd, Gibbons Middle School theater students worked with SkyRise Theater to put on a performance of **10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse**. *It was a movie, stage version mash up where the kids learned the show to perform on stage, and also to film it as a 45 minute movie.*



FIRST WHS CHOIR CONCERT OF THE YEAR



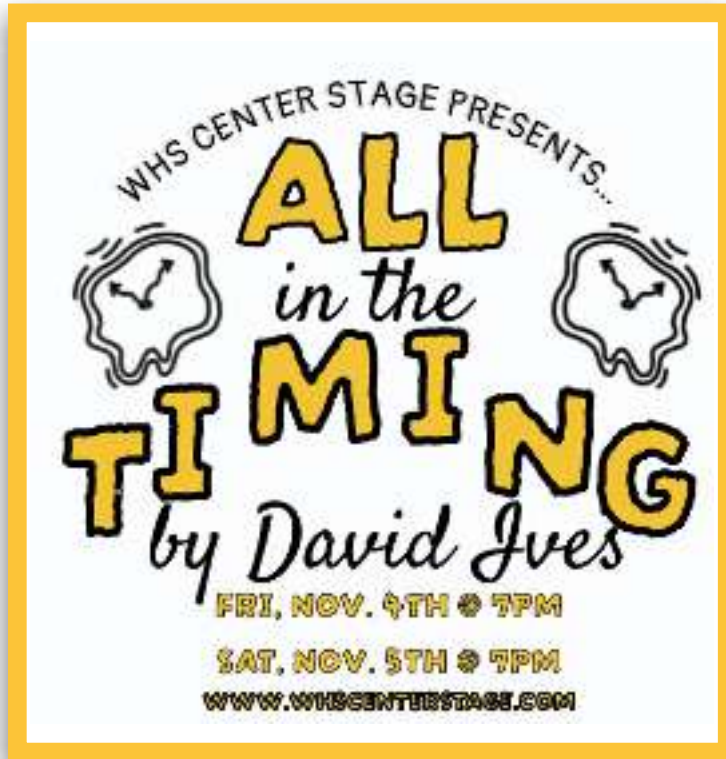
Use the link below to see the concert recorded by Westborough TV



October 20, 2022



CENTER STAGE FALL PLAY



In early November, WHS Center Stage presented *All in the Timing*, a collection of six one-act comedic plays by the American playwright David Ives.



BAND-O-RAMA

Use the link below to see the concert recorded by Westborough TV



Six bands composed of students from Mill Pond, Gibbons and WHS filled the High school gymnasium on November 16th, in a marvelous musical showcase for parents.

Each Band performed pieces that they had been working on for the last couple of months. Band-O-Rama is a Westborough tradition and a great opportunity to see the progression of skills from beginner level through high school performance level. It also provides the opportunity for all of the band students to come together, watch and support each other.



REHEARSALS AND CONCERTS

WHS A CAPPELLA



WHS A Cappella enjoyed performing with the Boston-based R&B/Soul/Pop A Cappella group, *Ball in the House*, for WPS staff on opening day. They will also be performing together at the Westborough MLK event this winter. Kevin Cincotta-Guest, one of the group's founding members, is class of 2007 WHS Alumni!

CLASS of 2023 WHS CHORUS SENIORS



GIBBONS ORCHESTRA



Gibbons Orchestra students are working hard to prepare for their Winter Concert on Thursday, December 8!

Use the link above to view them playing an excerpt from "Creatures" by Brian Balmages.

Christmas at Mechanics Hall



The WHS Chamber Singers will be performing at Mechanics Hall on December 14th at 12:00pm. Admission is free! Click on link above for more information.





MARCHING BAND SPOTLIGHT



Members of WHS marching band spent the final weeks of summer break working hard to learn this season's half time show.



FINNEGAN CLEGG

MEET THE DRUM MAJORS

DARI BUMGARNER



Seniors, Finn Clegg and 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.



RANGERS MARCHING BAND SENIOR NIGHT & PERFORMANCES



**Congratulations
Class of 2022 RMB Seniors!**



The WHS Marching Band delighted the fans in the stands with their 2022 Half time show: *Boston*, songs about and inspired by the city.

**Click the link to view the half time
RMB Show!**

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to the following WHS Students who were accepted into the 2022-2023 Central District Massachusetts Music Educators Association Sr. Festival!

Sofie Altamirano, Orchestra*	Nitya Gundamaraju, Band*	Esha Prasad, Chorus*
Esther Anthony, Band*	Sofia Holmes, Chorus*	Sharvi Pujari, Band
Zainab Anwar, Orchestra	Michelle Hung, Band	Trisha Rajasekar, Orchestra
Ava Biancheri, Orchestra*	Andrew Izvolsky Orchestra	Pragna Shashidhar, Chorus*
Ian Chace, Chorus*	Diya Karthick, Orchestra*	Daniel Shi, Band*
Mason Chong, Band*	Tyler Keogh, Chorus*	Joeng Min Shim, Band*
Chase Crandall, Chorus*	Sumedh Konakanchi, Band	Xiaole Su, Band*
Vaishnavi Desai, Band	Aadit Krishna, Orchestra*	Amelia Wahlers, Chorus*
J Diette, Orchestra*	Samantha Lasch, Chorus*	Zhouli Wang, Orchestra*
Augustus Duncan, Chorus*	Joel Lee, Orchestra*	Ryan Wickline, Chorus*
Mary Durman, Band	Joyce Li, Orchestra	Kendra Workman, Chorus
Alaina Fernades, Orchestra*	Michelle Lo, Orchestra*	Owen Wu, Band*
Sam French, Jazz band*	Andrea Luo, Orchestra*	Emily Xiao, Orchestra*
Mayeesha Ghani, Chorus	Mahika Macharia, Chorus	April Zhang, Orchestra*
Srinjoy Ghosh, Jazz Band*	Samuel Mattson, Chorus*	Shaojie Zhang, Band
Naomi Gold, Chorus*	Mira McLaren, Orchestra*	<i>*Denotes those students who received an All-State recommendation</i>
Susannah Gordon, Chorus*	William Plunkett, Orchestra*	

65 of our fine arts students represented Westborough in the CDMMEA Sr. district auditions on November 19, 2022. (Westborough is just one of 84 high schools that participated.)

CDMMEA adjudicators provided individual feedback through a standards-based rubric with written comments. Top scorers in each ensemble category were selected to participate in this year's festival and concert. They will rehearse with other selected musicians from throughout the district and then perform together at North Middlesex Regional High School on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 4:00pm

Accepted students who achieved exceptional total rubric scores are invited to also audition for the Massachusetts All-State Festival in January. Students accepted at this next level will perform at the MMEA All-State Festival at Symphony Hall on March 4, 2023.

CDMMEA Jr. High Festival Auditions will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2023

Click here to find out more about CDMMEA and it's annual festivals.

LINKS TO FINE ARTS PAGES



**ALL CONCERTS IN THE
2022-2023
SEASON CONTINUE TO BE
FREE TO ALL
WESTBOROUGH FAMILIES!**

TRI-M

MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY

By Tim Chen:

Tri-M Music Honor Society is an American music honor society under NAFME (National Association for Music Education). The purpose of Tri-M is to provide leadership experience, as well as community service opportunities revolving around music to those that are academically and musically inclined.



Throughout the school year, members of the WHS Tri-M chapter help out at all musical events around the school. This includes set-up, clean-up, and passing out pamphlets, as well as resetting the scene in between performances at chorus, band, orchestra concerts, and theater events.

In addition to local school events, Tri-M members play a big part in events such as Arts In Common and the MICCA Choral Festival. This year, close to 40 members of Tri-M helped out at the Arts In Common festival with set-up and clean-up. Tri-M members were also at booths such as the instrument petting zoo and the arts and crafts table, where they were able to share their knowledge and enthusiasm about the arts with younger children. During the MICCA Choral Festival, members volunteer as student representatives and as hall guides for visiting school ensembles as well as helping with set up, breakdown and sales at the concession stand.

The WHS chapter of Tri-M is overseen by Fine Arts Director, Chris Martin.

Student board members include Tim Chen (president), Xiaole Su (vice president), Alaina Fernandes (Treasurer), Mira McLaren (Secretary), Ian Chace (Concert Manager), and Sanjana Kumar & Corinne Levesque (Webmasters)



Tri-M Board

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



CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

GIBBONS MIDDLE SCHOOL VISUAL ARTS

Becky Connor Burgoyne has been teaching art in the Westborough Public Schools since 2003. She started teaching part-time at Armstrong Elementary School, soon moving to a full-time schedule between Fales and Hastings Elementary Schools. In 2011, she transitioned to Gibbons Middle School where she continues to teach 8th grade Visual Art.

Students at Gibbons Middle School have one trimester of art. Over the course of 10 weeks, students work on drawing, painting, sculpture, sewing, collage, and creating a digital portfolio to showcase all of their work. The course is designed to gradually bring students out of their comfort zone while they build stamina for larger, more complex and layered assignments. Mrs. Burgoyne's goal is to engage students, develop their creative problem solving skills, inspire students to create art they connect to, and help students feel successful in the arts.

Mrs. Burgoyne is one of the founding members of Art Share, a professional development course created by and for Visual Arts teachers. Westborough Art teachers meet once a month throughout the school year to create and share their own personal artwork with each other. The course encourages consistent creation for both personal and professional growth. Mrs. Burgoyne's background is in ceramics, drawing, painting, sculpture and printmaking. This is essential in a middle school setting where students are beginning to explore many different types of methods, materials, and techniques. Her current focus is on fiber arts such as weaving, crochet, knitting, felting, and embroidery.

Examples of student art work

Foil Figures in Motion



Soft Sculptures inspired by *Ugly Dolls*



Clay Rattles



MILL POND SPOTLIGHT VISUAL ARTS COLLABORATIVE PROJECT

Below is a photo of Mill Pond's beautiful wing mural! The piece is a collaborative art project which includes over 900 feathers that the students and staff of Mill Pond Elementary created. Art teachers, Dawn Shoneman, Amy Crossin, and Alana Conlin, who helped to design and orchestrate the effort, were inspired by the school mascot, a heron. The wing mural also ties into Mill Pond's theme for the year - "Until you spread your wings. . . you'll have no idea how far you can fly!" The mural is currently being displayed in the Mill Pond Cafeteria.



Pictured are 5th graders Grace Kim and Gia Wei.

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