

The Spotlight

Westborough Fine Arts

WINTER ISSUE

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

Greetings Fine Arts Families & Friends,

It is hard to believe we are more than halfway through the school year! Recently, students throughout the district have been busy performing in concerts and drama productions, exploring new art techniques, and producing newscasts for the community.

March signals the beginning of both Youth Art Month and Music In Our Schools Month. We will be celebrating the arts in our schools through a variety of performances, festivals, and exhibits, all within the community and throughout the state. We hope to see you at one of our upcoming events.

As parents and guardians, your support and involvement are invaluable to the success of the Fine Arts Department. We thank you for your contributions in nurturing our young artists and performers.

Have a wonderful February Vacation!

Christopher Martin

Director of Fine Arts



Attend a Meeting!

Our next WFAEA meeting will be held in person at the
WHS Library!

March 12, 2024 at 7:00pm

Email us at info@wfaea.org to be included on the
mailing list.

www.WFAEA.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Mar 1st, 7pm:

GMS Musical

Mar 2, 12pm & 5pm

GMS Musical

Mar 21, 7pm

MICCA Preview Band
Concert

Mar 22, 9am

All-State Rehearsal

Mar 23, 8am

All-State Concert

Mar 26, 7pm

Stingfest

Mar 27, 7pm

MICCA Chorus preview

April 5, 6 & 7

MICCA Festival

April 8, 3:30pm

CDMMEA Jr Festival
rehearsal

April 11, 7pm

Swing into Spring

For link to full
Westborough
Fine Arts Calendar

[Click here](#)



COMING SOON!

CENTER STAGE

Keep an eye out for tickets for WHS' performance of Mean Girls this Spring.

Students have auditioned and the cast is busy rehearsing this humorous musical based on the 2004 film by Tina Fey.

May 2 - 4
7pm

Center Stage presents:

MEAN GIRLS

Get ready to tap your toes at Gibbon's Middle School's performance of the 1960's musical where rock n' roll heartthrob Conrad Birdie creates chaos and comedy in a small town quest for teenage stardom!

March 1st & 2nd



MESSAGES FROM WFAEA

CONCERTS IN THE 2023-2024 SEASON CONTINUE TO BE FREE FOR ALL WESTBOROUGH FAMILIES!



New WFAEA swag! On sale at upcoming Fine Art events!



Hi Families!

WFAEA funds **clinicians, senior scholarships and supports fine arts programming** throughout the district, K-12! This funding and support **wouldn't be possible without you**- our fine arts families and local businesses. So on behalf of our WFAEA Board - Jess Crandall, Jen Niece, Kathy Swanson and me, THANK YOU for **helping with concessions and volunteering** so far this school year!

We have so many fun and exciting fine arts events to look forward to and plan this spring. We'd love your help. Here's 4 easy ways.

1. Join our WFAEA meeting on **Tuesday March 12, 2024, 7pm in-person** at WHS Library.
2. Renew your membership, **join WFAEA** or if you're a local business owner please become a **WFAEA Patron!**
3. Sign-up to help at the **MICCA Festival on April 5-7**. More info later in this newsletter.
4. Follow us on **Facebook and Instagram!**

See you in the audience soon!

Lisa Chace

WFAEA President



micca

April 5-7 2024

JOIN US FOR THE 2024 MICCA FESTIVAL

The MICCA festival provides an opportunity for choral & instrumental ensembles to perform for and be evaluated by highly qualified adjudicators and also observe a variety performances by other ensembles from around the state.

Westborough High School is happy to be a host site for the choral portion of the festival from Friday, April 5 through Sunday, April 7, 2024.

The public is welcome at all sites to hear the performances.

One-time Admission: \$10/adults; \$5/seniors and students; valid at all choral and instrumental sites throughout the weekend.

Refreshments for sale at all sites

Can't make the festival, but still want to hear the WHS students perform? Come to a preview concert!
Admission is free.

MICCA Preview Band Concert - Thursday, March 21, 7:00 pm

StringFest - Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 pm

MICCA Preview Chorus Concert - Wednesday, March 27, 7:00 pm

Help WFAEA at MICCA!

Many hands make light work - and it's a fun way to get involved. Sign ups coming soon to volunteer at the choral event or to provide needed concessions. There will be spots available for all that include many manageable tasks. Watch your inbox!



WHS' CENTER STAGE



THE WOLVES

Westborough High School's Center Stage recently captivated audiences with their dynamic performance of "The Wolves" on January 18th, 19th, and 20th. Bringing the spirited journey of a girls' indoor soccer team to life, the play delved into themes of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, offering a compelling portrayal of the challenges and triumphs both on and off the soccer field.



MARCHING BAND BANQUET

The Westborough High School Marching Band celebrated a triumphant season at their banquet on Jan 4th, reminiscing on cherished memories and recognizing the dedication of graduating seniors. A night of awards and festivities honored these talented musicians for their outstanding contributions to a memorable year.



WHS Marching band seniors: Nitya, Mason, Megan, Esther, Sofia, Katie, Doyle, Jackson, Andrea, Eli, JJ, Dev

NEW FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Caitlin Poole

Fales Elementary School

Art

Caitlin Poole is the new art teacher at Fales Elementary School. Previously, she served as an art teacher at Leicester Middle School and, before that, as a long-term substitute technology teacher at Nissitissit Middle School in Pepperell.

Teaching art marks a career change for Caitlin, who was a graphic designer for 10 years. After having her first son, she decided to pursue her envisioned job—teaching art to kids. To test the teaching waters, she taught graphic design at Mount Wachusett Community College for two years while earning her master's in education. Her passion for teaching grew through experiences like field studies and student teaching.

Caitlin explores various art mediums, such as watercolor, printmaking, and ceramics, leveraging her design background for a unique perspective. She enjoys telling stories through her art.

What Caitlin appreciates most about Westborough is its warm community. During her interview, Mrs. Stannard described Fales as a "happy place," a sentiment Caitlin finds to be more than true.

Outside of school, Caitlin spends time with her three boys—Charlie (3), Elliot (6), and Ridley (9)—her husband Shannon, their puppy Astrid, and their cat Jack. Caitlin loves thrifting and visiting her local recycling center, not just for the uniqueness of the treasures but also to support environmental efforts. Currently, she is excitedly planning a trip to Japan with her husband in 2025, looking forward to being inspired by the food, culture, and art. While no longer a musician, Caitlin retains a deep love for music and welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the music department.



WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH WFAEA?

We are looking for volunteers to help!
There are many fun ways to be a part of
Westborough Public School Fine Arts.



JOIN US!

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED:

- Become **a member for the 2023-24 school year**
- **Volunteer** to help support fine arts programs and events
- Follow us on **Facebook** and **Instagram**
- Come to our **monthly meetings** (2nd Tuesday of the month) include:
 - District updates from our Director of Fine Arts
 - Grant funds to fine arts programs and projects
 - Award senior scholarships to fine arts students
 - Meet other parents by volunteering

Anyone can **join** our email list to receive updates throughout the year about meetings, events and volunteer opportunities.

MLK DAY CELEBRATION



On January 15th, Westborough High School chorus and band students performed at the Westborough Connects MLK Jr Community event.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, the Westborough Fine Arts Education Association proudly awards scholarships to deserving Westborough High School seniors.



Participation in the Arts Scholarship:

This scholarship is awarded to individuals who have dedicated themselves to participating in courses and activities within the Fine Arts Department for all 4 years of their high school career and earned at least an A average in any fine arts classes.

Passion for the Arts Scholarship:

This scholarship is offered 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. The scholarship is awarded to individuals who have dedicated themselves to participating in courses and activities within the Fine Arts Department for all 4 years of their high school career and earned at least an A average in any fine arts classes.

Eligibility:

Qualified seniors who have participated in the Westborough Fine Arts Department throughout their four years at Westborough High School and whose parents/guardians have been a member in good standing of WFAEA for for two (2) of the last four (4) years.*

**Class of 2024 families are excluded from the membership requirement.*

Rules:

Any application submitted for the Passion for the Arts Scholarship will automatically ALSO be eligible for the Participation Scholarship. All applications will be reviewed by Fine Arts Faculty and scholarships will be awarded at Graduation.


Deadline to apply is noon EST on May 2, 2024.


[MORE DETAILS](#)

TWO FUN VOLUNTEER OPENINGS!

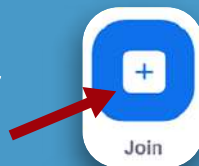
Join the WFAEA Team and Make a Difference!

Are you ready to make a positive impact in the WHS fine arts community? We have two exciting volunteer opportunities waiting for you at WFAEA:

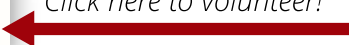
 **IN TRAINING MICCA Concessions Organizer:** Step into the heart of one of the year's most exciting events! As a concessions organizer, you'll shadow our current chair coordinator, gaining valuable experience to take the lead next year. Be part of the team that keeps the MICCA event running smoothly and ensure that attendees have a fantastic time.

 **POPS Night Committee:** Get ready to make POPS Night on May 15, 2024 the highlight of the year! Join the committee and help organize registration, appetizers, and beverages for this extraordinary end-of-the-year celebration. You'll have a great crew of volunteers to help at every turn! It's an opportunity to be at the center of WFAEA's big fundraiser!

JOIN OUR POPS NIGHT KICK OFF MEETING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH AT 7PM ON ZOOM!



Click here to volunteer!



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.

TRI-M SPOTLIGHT



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.

The WHS Chapter held it's 2024 induction ceremony on January 30th.

Tri-M Board 2023-2024

Joel Lee, Aadit Krishna, Corinne Levesque, April Zhang, Sofia Holmes, Esther Anthony, Sofia Altamirano, Sam Lasch



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



Congratulations to the 2024 Tri-M inductees!

Daniella Arcieri

Hunter Burow

Alexander Carpenter

Cole Crandall

Daksh Dalal

Nina Fanelli

Samuel Franco

Anastasia Girgis

Dilara Godfrey

Sathvik Gopaluni

William Johnson

Jai Khanna

Travis Knox

Sumedh Konakanchi

Anya Lai

Aidan Lawyer

Annastasia LeLacheur

Catherine Maule

Matthew Niece

Abigail Northrup

Yuxin Pang

Tomas Petronis

Sharvi Pujari

Shreyas Raikar

Aarini Saxena

Akshatram Shankar

Mahati Sudhir

Isabelle Washington

Joshua Weiner

Alumni Spotlight

Andrew Milne (WHS '10)

We are thrilled to bring you an interview with Westborough High School alum, Andrew Milne. As we catch up with Andrew, we are eager to delve into the exciting chapters of his life since graduating from WHS, explore his journey and gain insights into the remarkable career path he has forged since his days roaming the halls of the D wing. We are so thankful that Andrew has taken the time to share his achievements, experiences, and lessons that have shaped him into the accomplished individual he is today.



Can you share a bit about yourself and what you've been up to since graduating from our high school music program?

My name is Andrew Milne and currently I serve as High School Performing Arts Teacher and Unified Arts Department Leader at The Bromfield School in Harvard, MA. After graduating WHS in 2010, I went to SUNY Fredonia and studied music ed. I returned to MA and taught voice lessons before taking over for Ms. Greer in April of 2016 while she was on maternity leave. The following year I did a year long sub position at Chenery Middle School in Belmont and then headed to The Hartt School in Hartford, CT to get my master's in music ed: choral conducting full time. Coming out of grad school I got a position here at Bromfield as the 6-12 choir director and have since added Music Director of the Westborough Community Chorus and Assistant Conductor of Youth Choruses at The Handel and Haydn Society to my jobs. Through all of it, but especially



in undergrad and grad school I sang at school and professionally with churches and organizations such as The Choirs of Joyful Noise, INC. And, truly, I felt very well set up for musical and personal success by what the WHS music and drama program provided me while I was there.

When you were in high school, where did you see yourself going, and then how did that change or stay the same over the years?

I've been thinking a lot about this one lately. I think if you had told 18 year old me as I was heading off to college that by 31 I would have a job directing middle and high school choir, I'd take my HS choir to festival and get a top ranking, I'd have music directed and conducted multiple musicals, be the music director of a community chorus, and be working for an organization that gave me so much as an assistant conductor, I would have laughed at you. I've worked very hard, and have been quite lucky over the years as well, to get where I am professionally. To answer the question, I think that where I am professionally right now is better than I thought it would be in high school. My goals have shifted slightly since then, I've gotten more passionate about middle school music, I've gotten more into opera and classical music than I ever thought I would have, but in all my course has stayed true since I decided to enter this career.

What are the most challenging aspects of your current job?

I think the most challenging aspect is simply time. I feel like I run out of it often as I try to give everything proper attention. I've gotten better over the last year or so about prioritizing certain things. Not to say I give less to the other things I'm doing, but if something is coming up sooner, that is going to get more attention and then I'll switch to the next. Another aspect of time would be just wanting more rehearsal time always. My school rehearsals average 45 minutes and even just another 10 minutes would be great. But it's school, and there's a schedule that we have to abide by.

What advice would you give to current high school students who are part of the music program? How can they make the most out of their time in the program and continue their musical pursuits after graduation?

It's the same advice I have posted in my classroom, work hard and be nice to people. It's terrifying at times how many people I run across who know people I've worked with or am friends with. It costs nothing to be nice to people and we need much more of it in this world. And as far as working hard, find your passions and go after them. Make sacrifices (reasonable ones) to take advantage of the opportunities provided to you.

SPOTLIGHT ON 3RD GRADE STRINGS



FALES ELEMENTARY



HASTINGS ELEMENTARY



ARMSTRONG ELEMENTARY

Westborough Elementary Strings Program Strikes a Chord!

Mid-year concerts at all 3 schools

The enchanting melodies of DAD Song, Hot Cross Buns, Twinkle, and Cabbage Song filled the air as third-grade students from all three Westborough elementary schools dazzled a "whole school" audience demonstrating their playing and newly learned skills. Despite a last-minute change, Theresa Jaques seamlessly stepped in for the injured Judy Gerratt. Special kudos to Chris Martin for accompanying all three concerts on piano, marking a harmonious start to these young musicians' journey! With this first concert under their belt they are *very* excited to begin learning to play with the bow!



Click on the video links (left) and enjoy the wonderful performances!



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

Empowering Our Fine Arts Department: WFAEA Funding in Action

Parents and Community Sponsorship Fuel the Arts, Enriching Education

With recent WFAEA approvals, the following clinicians and grants tailored to enrich the creative journey of our middle and high school fine arts students are set up to go forward this Spring!

Orchestra guest Clinician, Jessica Billings-White

March 13, 2024

Orchestra director with the Lexington Public School will be visiting to work with the Gibbons Orchestra. The goal is to offer students meaningful feedback and suggestions as we prepare for our upcoming String Fest and MICCA Festival performances.

Projected cost = \$150

Band Festival Clinician, Tom Reynolds

June 7, 2024

Funding for a band clinician to work with 7th and 8th grade band students. The GMS Band Directors have put together an in-school festival experience for the curricular band ensembles where each ensemble will perform for one another and the guest clinician. The guest clinician and band directors will serve as the adjudicators.

Projected cost = \$250

WHS Band Clinician, Dr. Janet Kim

March 11, 2024

Funding for Dr. Janet Kim from the University of Connecticut to work with WHS Band students as they continue to work on their concert program for MICCA

Projected cost = \$300

Sound and Projection Support for WHS

Spring 2024

Funds for a sound technician to set up and train students for upcoming musical production, Mean Girls, as well as future music events such as POPS night, Baccalaureate and additional end of the year events

Projected cost = \$500



CDMMEA SENIOR FESTIVAL 2024



Congratulations to the following WHS Students who were accepted into the Central District Massachusetts Music Educators' Association Senior Festival!

In November, high school students from various schools within our district underwent auditions before CDMMEA adjudicators. These adjudicators utilized a standards-based rubric accompanied by written feedback to evaluate the performances, selecting participants for the upcoming Central District Festival.

Those students who secured a spot through the auditions participated in two rehearsals to prepare for the festival performance at Mechanics Hall in Worcester on January 13th.

Outstanding performers, as indicated by exceptional total rubric scores, were extended an additional opportunity to audition for the prestigious Massachusetts All-State Festival, scheduled to take place on March 23rd.



Sofia Altamirano**
 Ester Anthony**
 Mason Chong**
 Ethan Cram
 Augustus Duncan**
 Jonathan Fairbanks
 Sam Franco
 Mayeesha Ghani**
 Sathvik Gopaluni
 Susannah Gordon**
 Nitya Gundamaraju**

Sofia Holmes**
 Ivy Isaacs**
 Diya Karthick**
 Alexander Kenny
 Travis Knox
 Sumedh Konakanchi
 Aadit Krishna**
 Anya Lai**
 Aidan Lawyer
 Anastasia LeLacheur
 Joel Lee**
 Michelle Lo**
 Andrea Luo**
 Mahika Macharla

Samuel Mattson*
 Catherine Maule
 Jacob Mullin
 Ava Nye
 Malavika Pillai
 Esha Prasad*
 Sharvi Pujari*
 Aarini Saxena

Akshat Shankar*
 Pragna Shashidhar*
 Dhruv Shenoy
 Jeong Min Shim*
 Abhi Thanikella
 Chengwei Wang**
 Zhouli Wang**
 Kendra Workman
 Emily Xiao**
 April Zhang**
 Shaojie Zhang
 Jeremy Zhong

****Denotes those students who received an All-State recommendation.**



CONGRATULATIONS!



We're thrilled to announce that our talented students have been selected to perform at the prestigious MMEA All-State Festival! Join us at Symphony Hall in Boston on March 23rd for an unforgettable concert showcasing their exceptional musical skills!



Sofia Altamirano, snare drum

Sofia Holmes, alto

Esha Prasad, soprano

Mason Chong, jazz piano

Diya Karthick, violin

Pragna Shashidhar, soprano

August Duncan, tenor

Aadit Krishna, snare drum

Zhouli Wang, violin

Mayeeshi Ghani, soprano

Anya Lai, violin

Emily Xiao, violin

Susannah Gordon, alto

Michelle Lo, violin

April Zhang, violin

Junior High School Concert Festival

Congratulations to the 41 band, orchestra and chorus students that auditioned and were accepted into the 2024 Junior District Festival that will take place at Blackstone-Millville Regional HS on Saturday, April 27th!



MMEA CENTRAL DISTRICT
MASSACHUSETTS MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ART STUDENTS!

Outstanding Achievement by Mill Pond's 6th Grader: Satwik Dash Shines in Lions Peace Poster Contest!



We are thrilled to announce the remarkable success of Satwik Dash, a talented 6th-grade student at Mill Pond School. Satwik not only won the District 33A Lions Peace Poster prize, but also received the MD33 State of Massachusetts prize this year! The theme for the competition was "Dare to Dream."

Satwik's poster was crowned as the "Best in State" during the state contest, surpassing winners from the four other Districts in the State of Massachusetts. Remarkably, this marks the third time Westborough has claimed victory

in the state contest in recent history, securing a consecutive win within two years.

Satwik will be honored with the District 33A plaque and award at the Lions Mid-Winter Conference on February 10th at the Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center in Southbridge. The presentation of his state award is yet to be determined.

Excitement continues to build as Satwik's poster advances to the International Competition, where the winner, along with 23 Merit Award winners, will be announced by February 1st. The stakes are high, with the champion receiving \$5,000 and a trip to an awards ceremony at the United Nations. The 23 Merit Award winners will each be awarded \$500. As Satwik ventures into this prestigious next level of the competition, we extend our wishes for his continued success.

Stay tuned for updates on Satwik's journey, and let's rally behind him as he represents Mill Pond School and Westborough on the international stage. Congratulations, Satwik, on this well-deserved recognition, and best of luck in the upcoming stages of the Lions Peace Poster Contest!



**Akshadha Raj of
Mill Pond School
Takes 2nd Place**



**Shobhana Ramesh
Kumar Jayachitra of
Gibbons Middle
School Takes 3rd
Place**



BAND-O-RAMA



In November, Band-O-Rama came back to Westborough High School, showcasing what the bands from Mill Pond, Gibbons, and WHS have been working on since the beginning of the year. It was also the first performance for the 5th and 6th graders.

[CLICK HERE](#)

for the 5pm

[CLICK HERE](#)

for the 7pm performance.

CHORAL COLLAGE



Congratulations to the GMS Chorus, the 6th Grade Chorus and the WHS Singing Rangers on an awesome Choral Concert.

And a special shout out to these seniors (right) on their last Choral Collage in the books!

[CLICK HERE](#) to enjoy the whole show.



VOCAL POPS



On November 30th, the High School auditorium resonated with melodious notes as A Capella and Chamber singers captivated the audience in a remarkable concert. The enchanting performances featured groups Harmony in Heels, Double Take, Members Only, Don't Panic, and Chamber Singers.

To watch the full performance

[CLICK HERE](#)

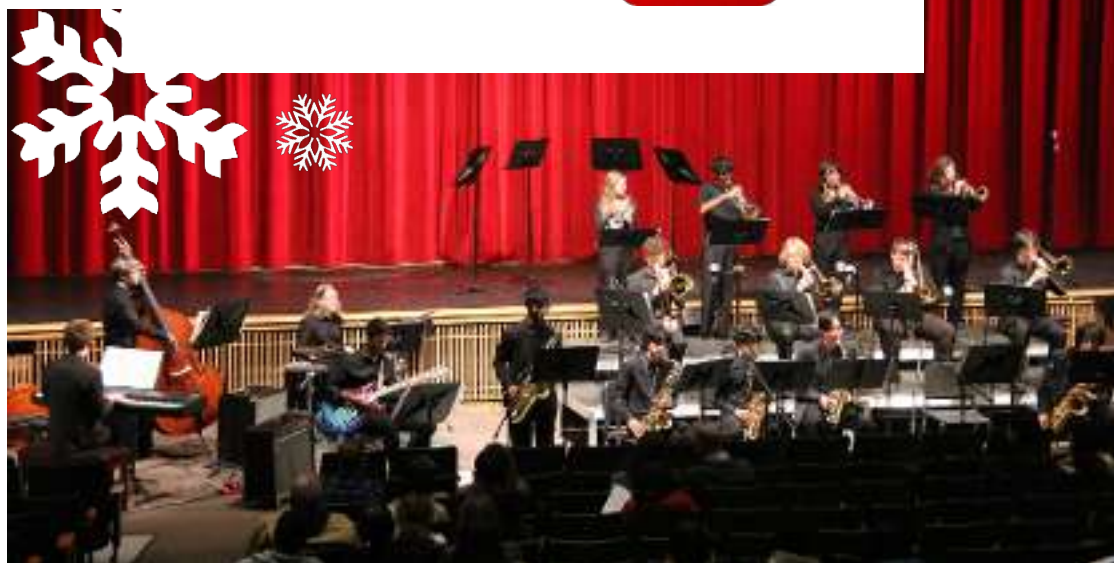


Westborough High School WINTER ORCHESTRA & CHORAL CONCERTS

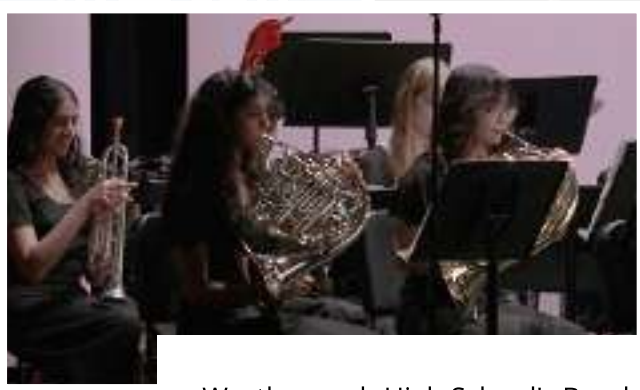
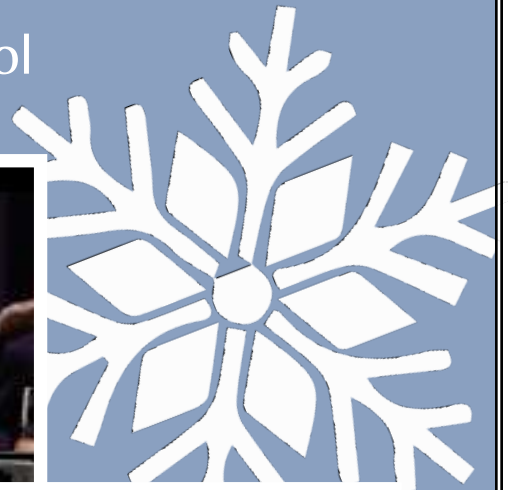


This December, the Westborough High School Orchestra took center stage, enchanting audiences with a winter concert.

To watch both performances [CLICK HERE](#)



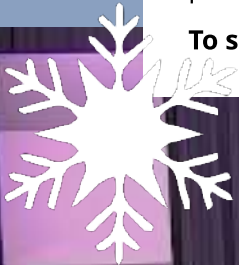
Westborough High School WINTER BAND CONCERT



Westborough High School's Band enchanted audiences this winter at their annual concert, spreading joy with delightful tunes inspired by the season. The crowd's favorite, 'Sleigh Bells,' added a festive touch to a memorable performance



To see the WHS Winter Band Concert [CLICK HERE](#)



WHS SMALL ENSEMBLE CONCERTS



In December, small music ensembles from Westborough high school performed selections they have been working on this year. Ensembles included brass quintet, sax quartet, clarinet quartet, string ensemble, flute quintet, string quartet and two jazz ensembles.

To experience the Small Ensembles Winter Concert [CLICK HERE](#)



MILL POND WINTER CONCERTS



4th Grade Orchestra



5th Grade Orchestra



4th, 5th, 6th Grade Chorus



6th Grade Band and Orchestra

This winter, Mill Pond's fourth, fifth and sixth graders enjoyed dazzling in-school Orchestra, Band and Chorus concerts, featuring their talented peers.

Click on the videos and enjoy!

LINKS TO FINE ARTS PAGES



MILL POND ART SPOTLIGHT



New Sculpture Class!

Sculpture is a new trimester class for all grades at Mill Pond this year. Students are exploring how to build and create with paper, cardboard, and clay!



4th Grades used monochromatic colors to create unique self portraits.



6th Graders created animals with kiln fired clay and glaze.



5th Graders used their own names to create personalized vibrant street art.

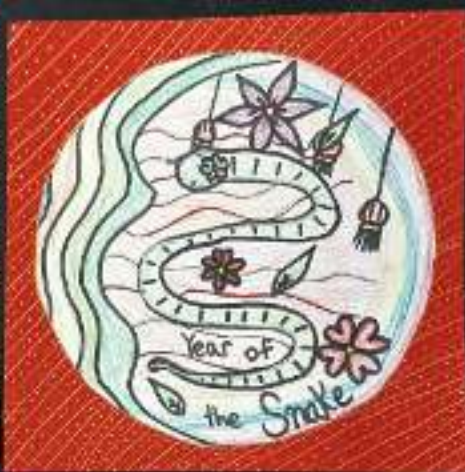


6th Graders submitted designs for the Massachusetts Art Education Association's "2024 Dream in Art" flag contest.



MILL POND ART SPOTLIGHT

5th Grade Lunar New Year Art!



5th Graders learned about the Lunar New Year Zodiac as they commemorated a specific year through their art.



Dr. Anthony Trecek-King visits Westborough



On Thursday, January 11th, Dr. Anthony Trecek-King visited Gibbons Middle School to spend time working with 6th, 7th, and 8th grade singers. He also visited Westborough High School to spend time working with our high school singers. This is in conjunction with the Fine Arts Department's Professional Development Plan for the Year, as we are focusing on Teaching the History and Performance of African-American Spirituals and Gospel music. The students worked really hard, made wonderful changes, and had a great time!

The work we are doing will be featured at our annual Choral Collage Concert



Dive into the world of creativity with Westborough Schools' Fine Arts Clubs!
Westborough schools offers a range of exciting extracurricular activities for students of all ages.
Whether it's painting, music, drama, or more, there is a fine arts club for everyone.

WHS CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

- A Cappella Choirs
- Art Open Studio
- CenterStage
- Chamber Ensembles
- Chamber Orchestra
- Color Guard
- Fall Drama Production
- Festival Jazz Band
- Improv Troupe
- Lobby-O Online Newspaper
- Music Buddies
- Marching Band
- Musical
- National Art Honor Society
- One Act Festival
- Pit Orchestra
- Pottery Club
- Repertoire Jazz Band
- String Quartet
- Tri-M Honor Society

MILL POND CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

- Blue Heron Band
- Chamber Chorus
- Chamber Orchestra

GIBBONS CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

- Art Club
- Chamber Orchestra
- Chamber Singers
- Fall Drama
- Jazz Band
- Wind Ensemble
- Musical
- Pottery Experience

NEW PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Music Buddies

The Music Buddy mentor program invites high school band and orchestra students to visit the middle school on Wednesday afternoons. High schoolers are paired up with a 7th or 8th grade student to give them some practice assistance on their ensemble music. Currently, we have about 10 mentor/mentee pairs involved and hope to expand in the future!



WFAEA BUSINESS SPONSORS



Exciting news ! WFAEA now has 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 provides a way for local businesses to showcase their support for the arts. 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.



Become a Sponsor



TO OUR GENEROUS 2023/2024 SPONSORS!



Dairy Queen
Westborough



WFAEA thanks our generous 2023-2024 supporters

Standing Ovation (\$300)

*Kathleen Swanson and Eric Fitch
Knox Family
Patrick and Jennifer Guadiz*

Encore (\$150)

*The Niece Family
The Datta/Dasgupta Family
Anna Leduc & Mark Zepf
Josh Gordon and Naomi Botkin
The Chong Family
Thadani Family*

Bravo (\$100)

*The Hammond Family
Chace Family
Crandall Family
Papaioannou Family
The Perry Family
The Hubbard Family
The Workman Family
The Fairbanks Family
Keogh Family
Anonymous*

Cheer (\$75)

Applause (\$50)

DeCoste Family

Salute (\$30)



**You can also make a donation
without becoming a WFAEA member.**



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Does your Westborough student participate in...

Marching Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Visual Arts, Band, Theater, Tri-M, A Cappella Groups,
Art Honors Society, Small Ensembles, Tech crew, Pottery or Journalism?

**Consider joining WFAEA and support fine arts initiatives and events across our
school district. There are many big and small ways to get involved!**



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



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