

The Spotlight

Westborough Fine Arts

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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 while we navigate through this year together.

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Our next WFAEA meeting will be this summer.

Date TBA

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

Hello Fine Arts Friends and Families,

It is hard to believe we have already come to the end of another school year. While I am sure many of us are eagerly awaiting summer vacation, I would like to take a moment to pause and thank you for an amazing and inspiring year:

- Thank you to students for making the work we do so enjoyable and rewarding
- Thank you to families for your unwavering support of your children and our programming
- Thank you to WFAEA for always putting the arts at the forefront of education and finding new and innovative ways to enhance learning for our students
- Thank you to the dedicated K-12 Staff who continuously strive to provide Westborough with one of the most comprehensive Fine Arts Programs in the state.

I would also like to extend a personal thank you to Beth Kinsky, who ends her term as WFAEA President at the end of the year. Her leadership throughout the pandemic was commendable and her dedication to our students and staff is unparalleled.

I wish you all a safe, happy, and relaxing summer.

Sincerely,
Christopher Martin



THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS!

A very special thank you to this year's Tri-M board (pictured right) and the many members of Tri-M who worked especially 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!



President:Daniel Hogan, **Vice President:**Juliette Levesque, **Treasurer:**Rounak Dey,
Secretary/Concert Manager:Taveena Konakanchi & Olivia Bruno,
Webmasters:Sanjana Kumar & Omshtreya Swain



Scholarships



WFAEA awards scholarships to several deserving seniors each year. Congratulations to the students who were selected to receive this year's scholarships!

Ellie Simcoe Memorial Scholarship: *Daniel Hogan*

Awarded to an individual who has displayed exemplary abilities in multiple facets of the fine arts during all 4 years and has made a profound impact on both WHS programming and peers.

Passion Scholarship: *Ani Chong*

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 a "B" average in each of these classes.

Participation Scholarships: *Monique Allegretta, Thomas Gagnon, Juliette Levesque and Daniel Marden*

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 a "B" average in each of these classes.

"D-Wing" Unsung Hero Awards: *Christian Baillargeon, Neeharica Das, Ellah Gelber, Emma Kriz, Saumya Kumar, Utsavi James, Vilma Morataya Gamez, Duncan Stephens*

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.

★ CONGRATULATIONS ★

SHOUT-OUTS

Congratulation Nicholas

Thank you

**WHS Fine Arts Staff and Administration
for your investment in and
opportunities you provide and the
excellence in which everything is done!**

The DiPilato Family



**"Education is not the filling of a pail,
but the lighting of a fire."** (Unknown)

**Thank you to Westborough's
Music and Arts Educators.**

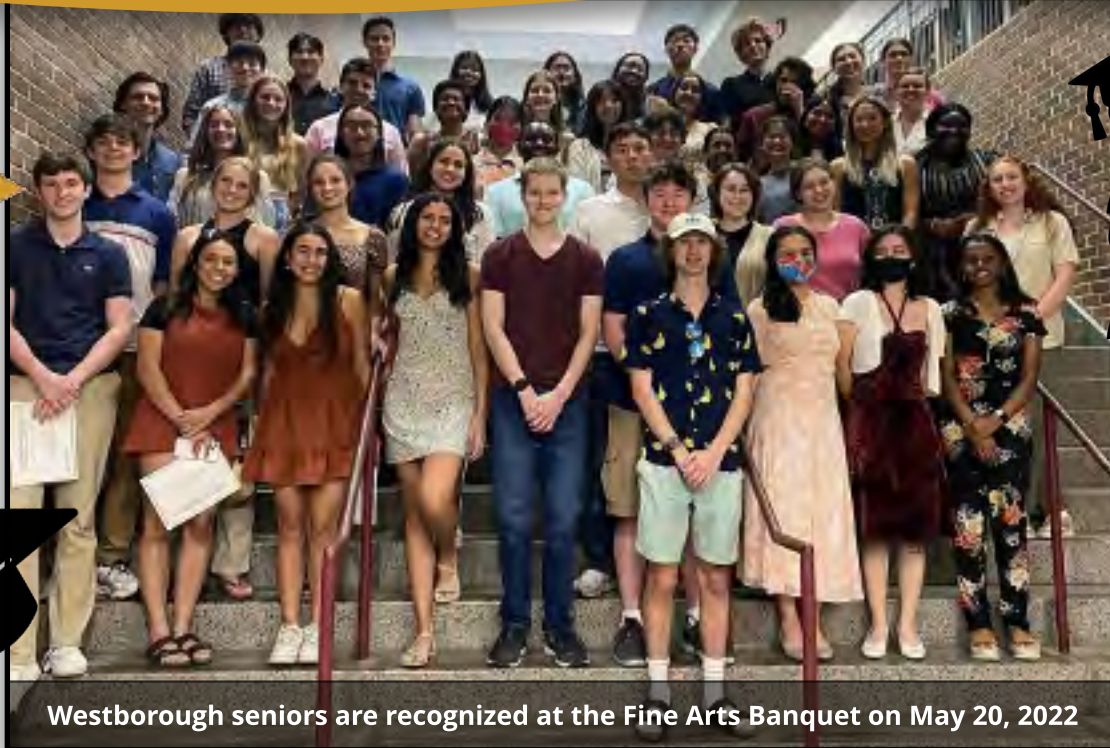
From the Family of Juliette Levesque ('22), Corinne Levesque ('24),
Miriam Levesque ('16), & Lydia Levesque ('20)

Thank you to all of the music and art educators
for all of your encouragement, opportunities
and support over the years.
We are so lucky to have such
excellent programs and teachers
that educate
and enrich our children.

From Ani &
The Chong Family



Congratulations to our Fine Arts seniors 2022!!



Westborough seniors are recognized at the Fine Arts Banquet on May 20, 2022

Zoe Akpan
Monique Allegretta
Gayatri Ankalu
Jared Antoine
Jadalise Alex Ardon
Christian Baillargeon
Aditi Bansal
Kevin Bao
Abigail Beauregard
Alanna Bradley
Olivia Bruno
Daniel Campos
Angelina Carapezza
Edward Chang
Rowan Cheyne
Ani Chong
Nanayaa Dadzie
Daniel Dame
Neeharica Das
Priyanka Deka
Riya Denis

Julia Desmond
Rounak Dey
Nicholas DiPilato
Chris Fernandes
Thomas Gagnon
Ellah Gelber
Callie Henderson
Theo Henderson
Danny Hogan
Kaitlyn Hu
Utsavi James
Chocoria James
Abisha Joyce
Daphnie Kadish
Ian Kim
Taveena Konakanchi
Emma Kriz
Melissa Kuang
Saumya Kumar
Lexi Lattanzio
Caleb Lawyer

Sarah Leavitt
Juliette Levesque
Selena Luo
Theodore Luo
Danny Martin
Rachel Martin
Connor Martin
Vilma Morataya Gamez
Berenice Orellana Perez
Gencay Padir
Kaavya Pandey
Wesley Pang
Aarushi Pant
Henry Pittorino
Henry Ramey
Olivia Rice
Ella Sklar
Harry Smith
Duncan Stephens
Omshreya Swain
Cameron Welch
Celina Xiong

you did it!

MICCA



MICCA Weekend was a huge success! WPS participated at several festival locations and WHS also served as a host for the Choral Festival. Thank you to all the volunteers and for all of the donations that helped make it a success. A big thank you to TRI-M Students for the amazing job they did.

Westborough earned 10 medals:

Mill Pond Band - Silver (first time attending)

GMS 7th & 8th Grade Band - Gold

Westborough Schools Wind Ensemble - Gold

WHS Concert Band - Bronze

WHS Symphonic Band - Gold

WHS Concert Orchestra - Silver

WHS Chamber Orchestra - Gold

WHS Chamber Choir - Silver

WHS Women's Chorale - Gold (first time receiving gold)

WHS Concert Choir - Gold



LES MISERABLES

The WHS auditorium was filled for four performances at the end of April. Center Stage's cast, crew and pit orchestra did a wonderful job with their performance of Les Miserables. It was wonderful to have a musical back on the WHS stage again. The sets and costumes were beautiful, the singing and was magnificent and the music was impressive. Congratulations to the cast, crew and pit!



SWING INTO SPRING

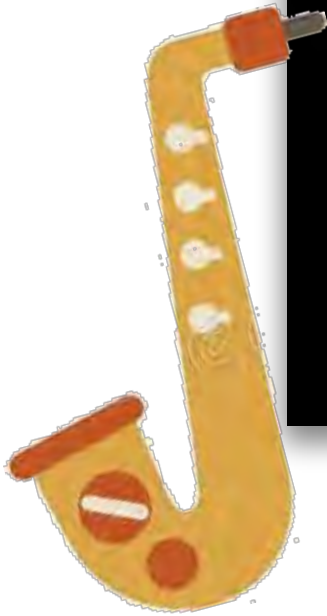


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MICCA GOLD MEDAL SHOWCASE

Annual MICCA Gold Medal Showcase 4/10/22 at Mechanics Hall

GMS Band & WHS Symphonic Band was chosen by lottery to play at Mechanics Hall in Worcester on Sunday. It was a special moment for these hard-working musicians. A special thank you to Mr. Dufresne and to Mr. Doyle for everything they do for these students!



SMALL ENSEMBLES CONCERT

On May 5, 2022 Evan Doyle, Valerie Clemans, and Kristin Chartier led WHS Small Ensembles in a wonderful concert in the WHS Lobby. Guests were treated to performances by the Percussion Ensemble, Brass Quintet, Saxophone Quartet, Clarinet Quartet, String Quartet, Flute Quartet, and String Ensemble. Sit back and enjoy!

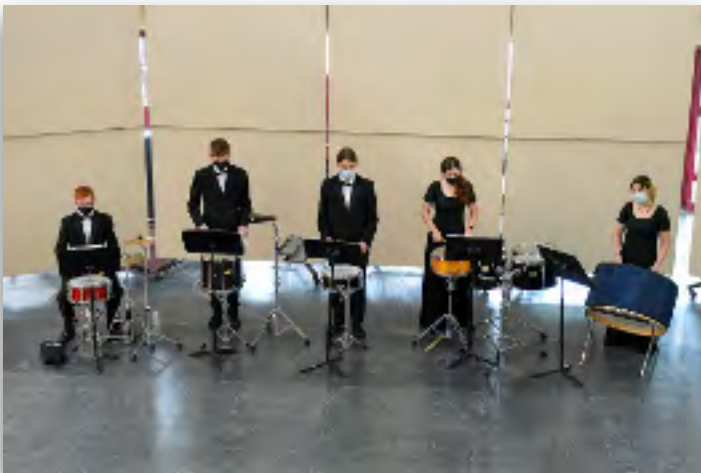


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MILL POND CONCERTS

4th Grade Mill Pond Concert

May 20, 2022



Link to concert



Mill Pond Spring Band Concert

May 24, 2022

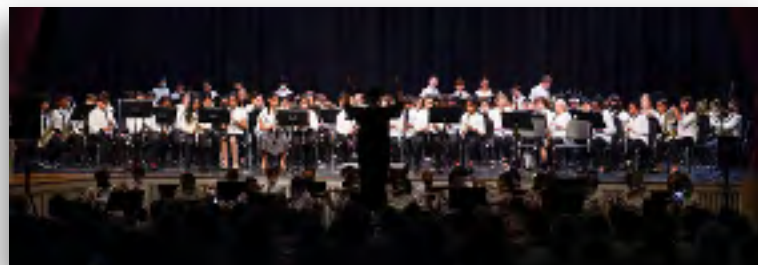
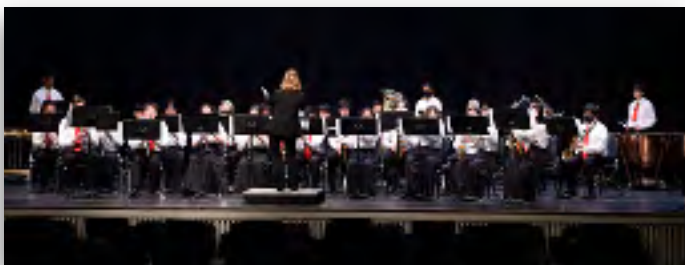


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CONCERTS

Gibbons MS Choral and Orchestra Concert May 12, 2022



Link to concert



Hastings School 3rd Grade Strings Concert May 16, 2022



Link to concert



CONCERTS

Mill Pond Spring String

May 31, 2022



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Mill Pond 5th & 6th Grade Spring Chorus Concert 6/1/22

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POPS NIGHT



[Link to Pops concert](#)

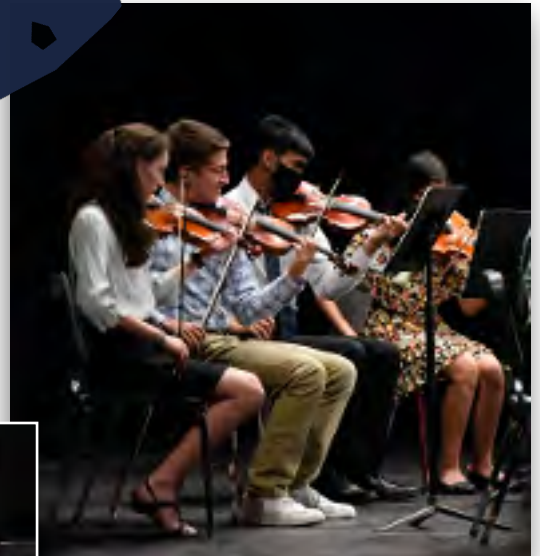
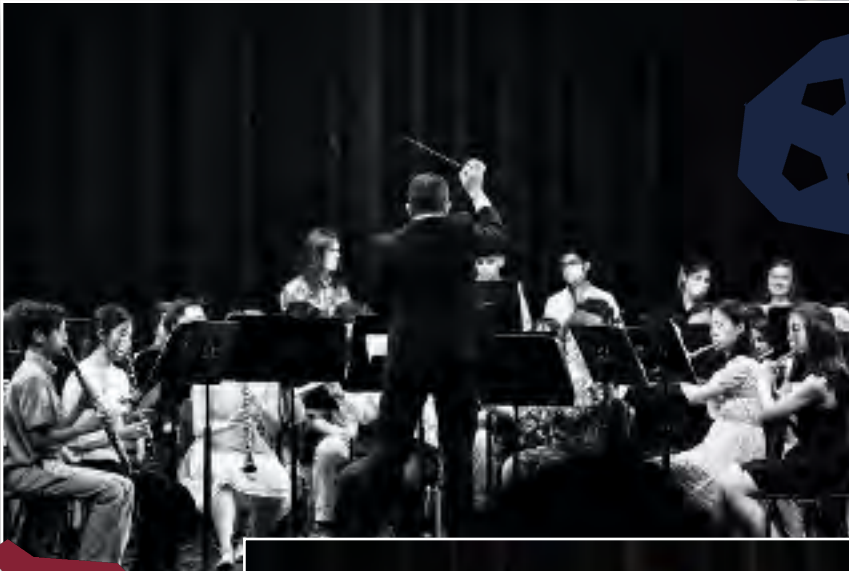


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The first annual WHS Pops night was a rousing success!

On May 17th, the WHS Auditorium and lobby filled with students, parents and community members to watch some wonderful performances, look over the impressive artwork, sample some

delicious appetizers and drinks and celebrate the hard work of our student artists and musicians.

Thank you to all who volunteered and sponsored this event that raised money for WFAEA and the programs it supports.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

A Westborough tradition continued this year as the Gibbons and WHS marching bands marched in the Westborough Memorial Day parade.



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JAZZ STOCK

Gibbons MS and WHS Jazz bands perform at Jazz Stock at the Baystate Commons Stage

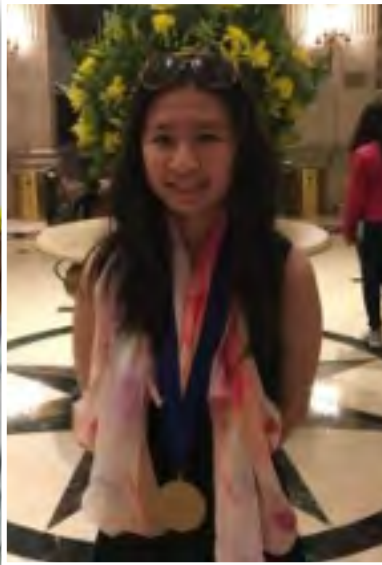
The weather on June 6, 2022 was perfect for an evening of Jazz. A audience gathered on the lawn with their chairs and blankets at Baystate Commons to watch the talented jazz bands from the middle school and High School perform.



WHS senior exhibits paintings at Westborough Library



LINK TO
ARTICLE IN
COMMUNITY
ADVOCATE



Read this lovely article highlighting senior Celina Xiong's exhibit at the library and her artistic accomplishments.

WFAEA *wishes you a*
wonderful 
SUMMER

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2022-2023 membership welcome
letter in September**

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**Class of
2022**

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