



NOTES

Spring 2010

Calendar 2009-10

March

- 17 WA All Town Chorus, 7PM
- 18, 19 WATA The Winning Streak
- 19, 20, 21 SB Production of "Cinderella"
- 19 5th Grade Play Day School
- 20 Crisafulli School Talent Night

April

- 1, 2 WATA The Winning Streak
- 8 WA "A Capella Night" 7pm
- 16 F.A.M.E. Dinner Dance 7pm - 11pm

May

- 5 Crisafulli Band Concert, Blanchard, 7pm
- 6 Day & Abbot Band Concerts, Blanchard, 7pm
- 6, 7, 8 WATA A Midsummer Night's Dream
- 12 WA Chorus & Orchestra Concert and Awards, 7PM
- 13 WA Band and Jazz Band Concert and Awards, 7PM
- 14, 20, 21 WATA An Evening of One Act Plays
- 18 BMS Band Concert, 7pm
- 18 WA Musical Theater Showcase, 7pm
- 19 SB Chorus, 7pm
- 20 MS Strings & WA Orchestra, Blanchard
- 20 WA Battle of the Bands, 7pm
- 21 Gr. 1 Blossom & Bugs, all day
- 21 SB Concert, 7pm
- 25 Crisafulli Strings
- 26 Day Strings
- 27 Abbott Strings

June

- 3 Crisafulli Gr. 5 Play, Peter Pan, 6:30pm
- 3 4th Gr. Recorder Concert, 8:45pm

F.A.M.E. Website is LIVE

Visit www.westford.com/fame for updated information on school music events, fundraising and membership.

Many thanks to Apexa Patel our student web site designer, and our own Bob Morrison who has become the F.A.M.E. webmaster!

Friends Advancing Music Education presents

F.A.M.E. Dinner Dance

Friday, April 16th 7 - 11 PM
Fellowship Hall
First Parish Church United

Tickets \$40 per person
Tables of 8 available

To order tickets by phone, call Nancy at
(978) 692-2250
by email FAME_westford@yahoo.com

The Dinner Dance features the music of

THE WESTFORD ACADEMY DANCE BAND

under the direction of Mr. George Arsenault headlines the evening's entertainment. In addition, performances by two String Quartets, Cabaret Singers and the WA Jazz Band will start out the evening's line-up.

To build on the swing dance music of the WA Dance Band, we are fortunate to have another student band, **ASK AGAIN LATER**, playing blues and classic rock numbers to wrap up the night.

The event will once again be deliciously catered by Filho's Cucina of Groton, featuring Chicken Piccata, Penne Verdura and almost everyone's favorite Lobster Ravioli as well as delectable salads and an assortment of luscious desserts. Don't worry, the dancing will burn those calories!

This year, in addition to our traditional door prizes, we will be raffling outstanding gifts and gift assortments donated by local businesses and crafters.

Thank you in advance to all who support this event, our 11th Annual F.A.M.E. Dinner Dance.

F.A.M.E. Music Café 2009 A Great Success!

What a night, Friday, November 20th at the PCA.
The first annual F.A.M.E. Music Café
was enjoyed by all who attended.

The event raised over \$1500 to support Senior and
Music Camp scholarships as well as fund other
F.A.M.E. initiatives.

Over 100 people attended, and enjoyed the musical
renderings of some outstanding groups.

Thank you to The Jolly Rogues, The Vanity Project,
The Church Ladies and Artie K & Friends, who
brought varied and outstanding entertainment for all.

A special thank you goes to the Church Ladies who
also donated their CD Sale earnings to the event.

Our appreciation goes out to all who attended and
our sponsors, BJ's Wholesale Club, Trader Joes,
Parish Center for the Arts, Connolly Insurance and
Big Paper Designs who added class and style with
their life-size decorations.

**Save the date for the Second Annual
Music Café... tentatively scheduled for
Friday, November 19, 2010.**

F.A.M.E. Scholarship forms are available now!
Senior Scholarship applications are available from
Linda Samaha in the Guidance office.

Any WA senior who has participated in Westford
Public School Music Program and is planning on
continuing his/her education is eligible and
encouraged to apply.

Music Camp Scholarship applications are
available from elementary and middle school music
teachers *and the F.A.M.E. Website*
www.westford.com/fame

Westford Summer Music & Art Program

Students in Elementary Strings, Middle School
Stings, and Middle School Band are invited to sign
up for this popular summer camp program. New this
year will be a Middle School Arts component. The
camp will take place at Blanchard Middle School.

For more information contact:

Mr. Arsenault garsenault@westfordk12.us

Westford Summer Music & Art Program

Music - July 12th - 16th

Art - July 19th - 23rd

from 8:00am - 12:00pm

\$125 - One week session (music or art)

\$200 - Two week session (music and art)

To Register please visit
www.westfordk12.us/band

F.A.M.E. Meets The Second Tuesday Every Month At 7pm In Room 108, WA New Members Welcome

F.A.M.E. OFFICERS 2009 – 2010

Joanne Mavroides	President
Karen McKenzie	Vice President
Nancy Wimberg	Treasurer
Anne Dempsey	Secretary

For more information on F.A.M.E
contact Joanne Mavroides, F.A.M.E. President
fame_westford@yahoo.com

F.A.M.E is a non-profit parent volunteer organization.

The mission of F.A.M.E. is to support and foster an
improved educational environment for any and all
Westford School music students.

F.A.M.E. provides: grants for innovative music
programs, music scholarships, sheet music,
instruments, uniforms, music software, field trips,
transportation for special musical performances, and
more.

Westford Academy News

Band News: Marching Into Spring

The Westford Academy Marching Band (WAMB) joins band students from Westford Academy, Stony Brook and Blanchard Middle Schools to form the first ever Westford Public Schools Apple Blossom Band! All band students, grades 6 to 12, will participate. Marching band director, Mr. George Arsenault will bring musicians together for a fun time. It should be an exciting time for parade goers. Monday evening (6 to 7:30) practices start April 25th for drummers, May 3rd and May 10th for everyone else. The Apple Blossom Parade is Saturday, May 15th. Come out to the parade and cheer for music in the Westford Public Schools! The WAMB will return to action for the Memorial Day parade.

Pep Band News: Join the Band!

Hi! I'm Kyra Kaster, a senior at WA, and one of the leaders of the volunteer Pep Band. Pep Band is a student-run, parent-advised group of high school age students. We play basically every week in the winter at all of the home basketball games. Usually, there is no travel involved, and most kids go to one of the local restaurants afterwards for food and talk after the game. It could even be called a long-standing tradition. We had our very first away game at the end of this season, when the girl's team made it into the semi-finals. It was incredibly exciting! Usually we never see the inside of other schools, since for Marching Band all the activity is outside. It made me realize how much better our gym is for musical performances than most high school gyms the place we played at, Methuen, had this weird carpet-like stuff around the court that muffled everything. We could barely understand the announcer! Luckily we can play pretty loud on good days, which is due to lots of rehearsal time and familiarity with the music. We get to choose our own music. We play basically the same songs every year, adding a couple new ones every year if we have enough money for the scores. (Thank you F.A.M.E. for this year's new music!)

Most kids don't seem to realize how good a group Pep Band is. Unfortunately, while Pep Band has been around for five years, less and less kids are showing up to play. This past season, there were only seventeen of us on a regular game day – seven of whom are seniors, and two were returning college

students from UMass Lowell. Next year's group will only be eight people, if no one else joins. This year's parent-volunteer supervisors were the Wimbergs. Mrs. Mackey is next year's. If this tradition is to continue, we desperately need parent support – tell your kids to join Pep Band!

Seniors: Andrea Bray, Kelsey Blocker, Mike Dee, Kyra Kaster, Melissa Lovitz, Andrea "TFP" Motyl, Neil Wimberg

Underclassmen: Joey Bray, Brian Edsen, Chris Bert, Andrew Kaster, David Mackey, Steven McManimon, Kevin McManimon, Ashley Steinhaus

College Returnees: Brian McManimon and Matt Cusworth

Chorus News

Dear Abbeys from BU will be headlining the A Cappella Night on April 8 with opening acts from WA Capella and WA Honors Choir.

Orchestra News

Bands and orchestras are busy preparing for their spring concerts.

The following students have been selected to participate in the District Festivals.

National High School Honors Orchestra

Congratulations: Eileen Liu was accepted to the National High School Honors Orchestra and sat 6th chair in their festival orchestra in Santa Clara, CA over February break. A truly remarkable achievement after a long and fruitful career in the Westford Instrumental Program.

All State Orchestra

Congratulations: Tien Chen, Justine Yeung and John Bergin will be taking part in the All-State Orchestra coming up later this month.

All-State Chorus

Congratulations: Liza LaBossiere will join the All State Chorus.

Junior District Music Festival

Congratulations: Elizabeth Muller and Zacharay Friedlander for their participation in the Junior District Music Festival.

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MMEA All-State Music Festival

Students representing over 250 public and private Massachusetts high schools auditioned. Around 450 were selected for the honors band, orchestra and chorus.

The NAHS students will be attending rehearsals on March 18-19 at the Boston Seaport Hotel. The festival will culminate in a gala concert at Symphony Hall, Boston on March 20, 2010. The All-State Music Festival is held in conjunction with the Massachusetts Music Educators Association Annual In-Service Teachers Conference.

MMEA All State Festival 2010: Rehearsals March 18-20, 2010
The Seaport Hotel, Boston All State
Concert March 20, 2010 Symphony Hall, Boston
http://www.mmeaonline.org/concert/concert_index.htm

Middle School News

Eastern Junior District Festival

Congratulations to the following students selected for the Junior District Festival.

From Blanchard: Alex Bai, Ryan Chen, Alex Cheng, Joel Kottas, Sally Lee, August Posch, Justin Yao

From Stony Brook: Tom Chen, Peter Frohlich, Nicole Huang, Fangru Jiang, Allison Leung, Karen Ni, Irene Xiang, Daphne Xu, Eric Zhou

Julie Ottesen, String Instrumental Music
Blanchard Middle School
<http://bms.westfordk12.us/pages/academics/bmstrings/index>

Stony Brook School
<http://sb.westfordk12.us/pages/iaweb/sbstrings/index>

Happenings in Music at Blanchard Middle School

F.A.M.E. provided funds to transport middle school musicians on the Valentine Goodwill Tour to local senior centers. This year's tour was impacted by the weather and they were only able to visit one site. This heartfelt annual tradition brings joy to students and seniors alike.

BMS General Music:

6th graders are moving into a unit on songwriting.
7th graders are combining with Technology by Design on a unit on acoustical engineering and instrument building. They will use these instruments to create a live soundtrack for a silent film.
8th grade has begun a unit on film music.

The BMS Vocal Department

The 10th Cabaret Night was held on Feb. 11. for the Blanchard Community. A wonderful evening of song was enjoyed by all.

Girls' Chorus and our new 14 voice Boys' Chorus are getting ready for All Town Choral Night.

West St. Serenaders are gearing up for their Heritage Festivals competition trip to Nashville TN.

F.A.M.E. sends it best wishes for a safe and exciting trip! Happy Singing 🎵

David Lussier, Academic Music
and Vocal Music West St. Serenaders
dlussier@westfordk12.us

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Elementary News

Elementary Strings

Several students from grades 3-8 participated in the March String Fest in Billerica on March 6th. Julie Ottesen is conducted the younger group and Ken Culver is conducted the older group.

Students are preparing for upcoming concerts that will take place in May.

Ms. Corwin jcorwin@westfordk12.us
Mr. Hamelin thamelin@westfordk12.us

Westford Strings Program
<http://westfordk12.us/strings>

Elementary Band

FIFTH GRADE BAND NIGHTS:

Crisafulli School Band: Wednesday, May 5, 7:00PM, Blanchard Auditorium

Abbot and Day School Bands: Thursday, May 6, 7:00PM, Blanchard Auditorium

Mentors are now available for students in Mr. Kaminsky's Day, Abbot, and Crisafulli School bands. Any parent of an elementary school band member interested in a mentor for their child, please contact Mr. Kaminsky by email. You may obtain more information on the band mentor program by visiting Mr. K's website, accessible through the Day, Abbot, and Crisafulli School websites.

Dan Kaminsky, Instrumental Music
dkaminsky@westfordk12.us

Elementary Music

Don't forget All-Town Choral Night at W.A. on March 17th at 7 p.m.

Robinson School

Grade Two is presenting the musical performance, "Artists Around the World," on April 9, 2010 at Robinson. Pre-First and Grade One will be sharing their musical performance, "Blossoms and Bugs" at Robinson on May 21, 2010.

Crisafulli School

Crisafulli Grade Five Chorus is performing their Spring Concert on Monday, May 3, 2010. Crisafulli Memorial Day Program, featuring Grade 5 Band, Grade 5 Chorus, and songs from each grade level, will be on Friday, May 28, 2010.

Grade Four will be presenting a recorder concert on Thursday, June 3, 2010 at Crisafulli.

Laurie Oliver, Music
oliver@westfordk12.us

Miller School

Miller will have their 2nd grade concert titled, An American Hoe Down, on Tuesday, April 6th, @ 9:30 am in the school's cafeteria.



F.A.M.E.
11th Annual Dinner Dance

April 16 , 2009 @ 7 PM

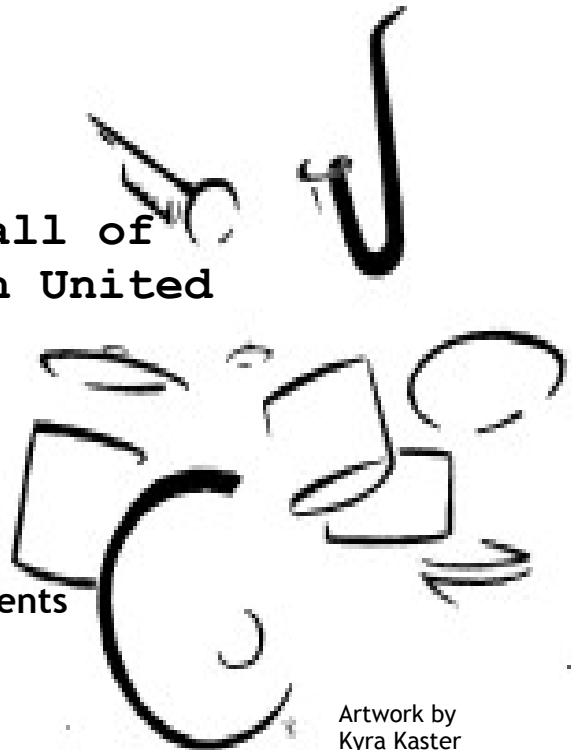
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