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FALL 2011

Tickets on sale now for the **F.A.M.E. Music Café**

Treat yourself to a fun-filled night of musical entertainment that can't be beat.

Friday, December 2nd

7:00pm – 11pm,

at the Westford PCA

Tickets \$20/person contact

Nancy Wimberg at 978-692-2250

www.westford.com/fame

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<http://www.therealschoolofmusic.com/Home/>

Boston Road

<http://www.myspace.com/bostonroadbluegrass>

Church Ladies

<http://churchladies.wikidot.com/>

Peter Lavender & the Limbo Souls

<http://artekenyon.com/artek/welcome.htm>

Concert Calendar 2011

November

19 District Auditions 1:30pm Milton HS

December

2 F.A.M.E. Music Café, PCA, 7:30pm

3 WA Holiday Bazaar Caroling

4 Concord Symphony at 51 Walden St, Concord, 2 & 4pm

7 Mentor/Mentee meeting at WA

8 BMS Orchestra, 7pm *snowdate 12/21, 7pm

9 Chorus/Orchestra/Band Winter Concert WA, 7pm

14 SB Orchestra, 7pm *snowdate 12/22, 7pm

21 Crisafulli Winter Concert, 8:45am

January

6 & 7 Senior District Festival at Boston Latin HS

21 MMEA All-State Auditions <http://www.mmeaonline.org/>

28 Junior District Auditions at Concord Carlisle HS

February

3 WA Winter Instrumental Concert, 7pm

March

1-3 MA All State Festival

14 Townwide Vocal Night WA, 7pm

17 Junior District Festival at Lincoln Sudbury HS

April

12 A Cappella Night

**13 F.A.M.E. Dinner Dance
at Chelmsford Elks Club, 7pm**

May

3 SB Orchestra Concert, 7pm at SB

3 Crisafulli Chorus Concert, 8:35am OR 9:35am

8 BMS Orchestra Concert, 7:00 p.m. at BMS

11 WA Band, Chorus & Orchestra

Spring Concert & AWARDS 7pm

22, 23, 24 Band Concerts: Crisafulli, Day, Abbot

Marching Band At WA home games this Fall

November 11, 2011 - 7:00PM

November 24, 2011 - 10:00AM



Join us at the WA Games !

F.A.M.E. Welcomes New Officers**For 2011-2012****Anne Dempsey, President****Kathy Lin, Vice President****Karen McKenzie, Vice President****Mary Hartman, Secretary****Tom Wimberg, Web Master****To contact F.A.M.E.**

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Nancy & Tom Wimberg 978 692 2250

Email fame_westford@yahoo.com**Many Thanks to our Outgoing
President Joanne Mavroides**

Under her leadership F.A.M.E. has increased the contributions we have received from our donors and formed new ties with local businesses. She also spearheaded the very successful Music Café and as a result we have been able to contribute more to support music in our schools as well as increase our scholarship awards.

Look for the F.A.M.E. table at music concerts and events. F.A.M.E. members will be there to answer questions and we will be selling tickets for our two fundraisers.

**Donate a small part of your time with
F.A.M.E.**

There are many opportunities to help with our two fundraisers.

We would be happy to talk to you.

email fame_westford@yahoo.com

or call Kathleen Bernard 978-392-9081

**F.A.M.E.****Upcoming****2011-2012****Events****Music Café**

Friday, Dec. 2, 2011

7-11pm

Westford PCA

Tickets \$20

Dinner Dance

Friday April 13, 2012

7-11pm

Chelmsford Elks Club

Tickets \$45

For tickets, please call Nancy Wimberg at 978.692.2250
www.westford.com/fame

WA Orchestra News:

The Westford Academy Orchestras will perform with the Concord Orchestra on December 4th at 2:00 & 4:00pm. What a wonderful opportunity for our string players. Why not come out to the show ?

For tickets & information go to

Family Concert: Pinocchio

[http://www.concordorchestra.com/2011-2012 Seasonp.html](http://www.concordorchestra.com/2011-2012%20Seasonp.html)

WA Orchestra Students go to Europe

by Joel Kottas



Concert at Normandy; in the background are crosses of the WWII soldiers

The Liberty Tour, a classical tour that went to France, Germany, Austria, Lichtenstein, and Switzerland, was an exciting experience. The participants rehearsed American music for 3 days and had 8 concerts on the 19 day tour. Some concerts were inside, others were outside. The concerts were also great practice for performing in front of an audience. In addition to performing the music we had prepared, the trip included experiences from viewing Normandy and Omaha Beach to exploring Salzburg, where Mozart was born and where some of "The Sound of Music" was filmed, to having a snowball fight on a 3000+ meter (around 2 miles) high glacier (yes, in summer). I thoroughly enjoyed this trip, because I was able to buy many souvenirs, grow in music, and have fun while experiencing Europe. The food was also great, and that chocolate was amazing. I would definitely consider doing this again.

WA Band News:

The music program has expanded, Mr. George Arsenault is now teaching and directing the band at Westford Academy this year. Read the WA Ghostwriter interview with Mr. Arsenault.

Welcome Mr. Arsenault

by Matt Miller & Lauren Cullen

<http://www.waghostwriter.com/2011/09/27/welcome-mr-arsenault/>

UMASS Band Day

by Andrew Kaster - co-drum major for the Marching Band

On October 8th, over forty Westford Academy, seventh and eighth grade marching band members attended UMASS Band Day, an event held every year for the past twenty-seven years at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. This year over thirty bands from all over New England came to play at half-time for a UMASS football game. At the all day event, these bands participated in the largest band most people will ever see. The day starts out with busses upon busses full of students arriving at the football stadium. Once there, the bands unload and head inside, where they divide into groups based on instrument. Then rehearsal starts. From 1pm to 4pm the monstrosity of a marching band sight reads, practices, and perfects the pieces to be played at the night's football game.

All together, over 2500 band members participated in the event, filling the football field from end zone to end zone, back to front, playing selections from the 2001 film *Shrek* and *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*. Students gained an enriching experience from UMASS staff, including the perspective of just how many students participated in the event, a few lessons in basic marching skills, practice sight reading challenging music, and a post game performance by the UMASS Minuteman Marching Band, often hailed as the best college band in the northeast.

WA Chorus News:

After School Chorus meets on Tuesdays in room 100 through December. WAcappella auditions will be held in January with rehearsals on Wednesdays

National School Orchestra Award: Kevin Qian
Kenta Kawasaki

Director's Award for Orchestra: Katarina Cheng

Arion Award: Chris Bert

Merit Award Orchestra: Alex Bernard

Musicianship Award Orchestra: Jade Yang

John Philip Sousa Band Award: Patrick Tansey

Patrick S. Gilmore Band Award: Eric Meredith

Director's Award for Band: Ashley Steinhaus

National Marching Band Award: Kevin McManimon

Louis Armstrong: Mark McKenzie

Woody Hermann: Ashley Steinhaus

Outstanding Senior Eric Zhang

Outstanding Tri-M Senior: Katarina Cheng
Eric Zhang

Fredrick Chopin Piano Award: Jerad Lawson

Districts/AllState*: Joshua Lin

Director's Award Chorus: Anne Hickey

National Choral Award: Joshua Lin

Class Recognition Awards

Outstanding Concert Choir:

Freshman Natalie Bishop
Sophomore Katie McGourty
Senior Krystal McNeil

Outstanding Orchestra:

Freshman August Posch
Sophomore Helen Zhao
Junior Theodore Frohlich

Outstanding Band:

Freshman Craig Brinkerhoff
Sophomore Isabella Wang
Junior Steven McManimon

FAME Scholarships Recipients

FAME Senior Scholarship Award

Winners received a cash scholarship of \$250 from FAME along with a Certificate.

Katarina Cheng	Kenta Kawasaki
Jerad Lawson	Josh Lin
John Manning	Mark McKenzie
Ashley Steinhaus	Kevin Qian
Rachel Weinstock	Eric Zhang

Greg Wadleigh Scholarship: Eric Meredith

FAME 2011 Camp Scholarships

Students that received scholarships to this year's summer music camp from F.A.M.E included:

Leonardo Cheng	Emily Du
Gregory Du	Maggie Daniel
Andre Franco	Matthew Gagnon
Anie Holland	Anna Hartmann
Medha Hiremath	Sadhika Hiremath
Karina Luetien	Karen Ni
Esther Pak	Rahit Rajiv

MS Band News:

Welcome Ms. Vicki Garino our new middle school band director, who is taking the baton from Mr. George Arsenault. Ms. Garino brings with her an impressive 18 years experience teaching middle school band. She is also an accomplished musician, her primary instrument being the flute and has experience playing saxophone, mellophone, sousaphone, and snare drum. She is a skilled singer and has performed with various bands throughout Massachusetts. She continues to play and sing professionally as a freelance musician. On top of all this she is the mother of four children. We are very pleased to add another great team player to the WPS music program.

For more information about Mrs. Garino visit http://bms.westfordk12.us/pages/academics/BMSband/BMS_Band/Who_is_Ms._Garino.html

Stony Brook Band:

http://sb.westfordk12.us/Pages/iaweb/sbband/sb_band/Home.html

Blanchard Band:

http://bms.westfordk12.us/pages/academics/BMSband/BMS_Band/home.html.

BMS Chorus:

Mr. Lussier will be the music director for the BMS musical, 'Once Upon a Mattress'. It's sure to be a big hit ! Performances on Saturday, February 9, 10, 11.

The West St. Serenaders are singing with the a cappella group Ball In The House at an upcoming PTO event being held at BMS."

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

MS Orchestra News:

The Westford String Troubadours
&
The WA Jazz Band

Will be playing at the Mentor Mentee Meeting on Wed, Dec 7 at Westford Academy.

New Event for the Middle School and High School Strings
Mr. Culver and Mrs. Ottesen have started a new string ensemble, **The Westford String Troubadours Orchestra**. This is a repertory orchestra focused on learning common string literature and performing in Westford and the surrounding communities. Emphasis will be placed on frequent performances for the public.

The Westford String Troubadours is a co-curricular ensemble open to all string musicians from 8 - 12 Grades. Seventh grade students may be admitted if they receive a recommendation from their string instructor and may be asked to audition. The Westford String Troubadours will be led by Mr. Culver and Mrs. Ottesen.

Rehearsals will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the **Blanchard Middle School** in Music Room A and performances will be arranged throughout the year. Please let Mr. Culver and/or Mrs. Ottesen know if you are interested in joining!

Julie Ottesen
String Instrumental Music Links
Blanchard Middle School
<http://bms.westfordk12.us/pages/academics/bmstrings/index>
Stony Brook School
<http://sb.westfordk12.us/pages/iaweb/sbstrings/index>

F.A.M.E. Trophies Awarded Spring 2011

Graduating 8th and 5th grade students were selected by their music teachers to be recognized for their outstanding musical contributions and received a F.A.M.E. Trophy.

FAME TROPHIES for 8th GRADE**Blanchard 8th Grade Chorus:**

Jessica Pazienza, Samuel Nudler, Brandon Jurewicz, Brandon Jurewicz, Brandon Jurewicz

Blanchard 8th Grade Band:

Emily Du, Medha Hiremath, Dan McKeen, Amy Cavanaugh, Katherine Wang
Alex McKinley (Jazz), David Rosenburg (Jazz)

Blanchard 8th Grade Strings:

Alex Bai, Ryan Chen, Alex Cheng, Jonathan Ko

Stony Brook 8th Grade Chorus:

Sophia Tiano, Megan Restuccia, Erin Horsey,
Kirsty Adams, Erika Swinson

General Music: Caroline Burgess

Stony Brook 8th Grade Band:

Karina Luetjen, Cassie Bernardo, Shanon Fan,
Lily Hitelman, Bryson Friedlander (Jazz),
John Barrett (Jazz), Michael Meagher (Jazz)

Stony Brook 8th Grade Strings:

Thomas Chen, Nicole Huang, Alison Leung,
Eric Zho

FAME TROPHIES for 5th GRADE**Abbot 5th Grade Chorus:**

Olivia Tom

Abbot 5th Grade Band:

Brian Carr, Kathleen Moore, Miles Cripasuk,
Brianna Laushine, Hannah Kettering

Abbot 5th Grade Strings:

Emily Harkins, Ally McCabe, Erika Luetjen,
Gabriel Frohlich, Karolina Ment

Day 5th Grade Chorus:

Sakhi Pola

Day 5th Grade Band:

Karen Corbett, Sarah McKinley, Brandon Chasse,
Elena Liguori, Saudip Manna

Day 5th Grade Strings:

Nikhila Hari, Julia Kan, Alice Yun, William Yang,
Shray Mishra

Crisafulli 5th Grade Chorus:

Caley McKenney, Devon Whitney, Aparna Fitch,
Medha Palnati, Kylie Gray

Crisafulli 5th Grade Band:

Ian Kim, Tim Yu, Matthew Baggeroer, Leah
Donovan, Jocelyn Anctil

Elementary Band News:**Introducing – 4th Grade Band**

For the first time, band is being offered to the fourth grade students. Students were allowed to choose from trumpet, flute, clarinet or bells (percussion). Once a week, students leave their homerooms to become band members. The first few weeks were spent learning about their instruments, putting them together, caring for them, cleaning them and taking them apart. Band director, Mr. Dan Kaminsky showed them how to hold their instruments and play their first notes. Now, just 6 weeks into school, the new student musicians are playing six individual notes and the tune, Mary Had A Little Lamb. Mr. K and all three fourth grade bands are looking forward to their first concerts in January. Fourth grade band brings its own unique set of challenges but both Mr. K and the musicians are making the grade!

A Peek at 5th Grade Band

For this year's fifth graders, band is a new experience. Just like fourth graders, they leave homeroom once a week to become band members under the direction of Mr. Dan Kaminsky. They have additional instrument choices including trombones, saxophones, oboes and snare drums. During their time with Mr. K., the student musicians work hard on learning proper playing technique and note reading. Once a week, Mr. K. meets with different band sections before school. Starting in January, the school's fifth grade band will be meeting before school as they prepare for their spring concerts.

Instruments Demonstrations for Third Graders

The instrument demonstration will be held one evening this spring for third graders and their parents. Students will be allowed to handle and play each of the different instruments. Mr. Kaminsky will be on hand to make recommendations on pairings of students and instruments.

Dan Kaminsky, Instrumental Music
dkaminsky@westfordk12.us

Elementary Orchestra News:

Students will be preparing for their upcoming winter concerts for more information about this program and **Mrs. Corwin's terrific edublog** visit:

The Strings Instrumental Music Program at
<http://westfordk12.us/strings>

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

News about The Minor Chord

Carl Strathmeyer along with his wife Andrea are the new co-owners of the Minor Chord in Littleton. They have expanded the shop to include more band instruments and supplies. They also have a wide selection of sheet music and method books. The store offers students lessons, as well as instrument sales, rentals and repairs.

F.A.M.E. Sponsorships

The Minor Chord, along with University Music in Lowell and Bridges & Bows in Westford are local businesses that have generously contributed donations and raffle items for the F.A.M.E. fundraisers over the years.

We hope you will utilize these wonderful resources in our community for music families and thank them for their support in helping us raise funds for the WPS Music Programs.

Thank you Sponsors !

Useful Links**WA Music Department**

http://wa.westfordk12.us/pages/westfordWA_FineArts/WestfordWA_Music/index

Strings Middle Schools

<http://sb.westfordk12.us/pages/iaweb/sbstings/index>

Band Middle School

<http://bms.westfordk12.us/pages/academics/BMSband/WMSB/Links/main.html>

Summer Music Program

<http://bms.westfordk12.us/pages/academics/BMSband/WMSB/Links/WSMC.html>

Westford Strings Program

<http://westfordk12.us/strings>

Instrumental Music Program

<http://westfordk12.us/Pages/Curric/subjectsfolder/strings/index>

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