



NOTES

Fall 2008

New this year!

\$50 Season Pass Westford Academy Music & Theater Events

The Season Pass opens the door to \$100 worth of Musical & Theater events at Westford Academy for only a \$50 purchase.

Save by buying a Season Pass and help support these wonderful programs at the same time.

(Season Pass Details & Order form enclosed)

Playbill Advertising for Area Businesses

This year a common "Playbill" program will be distributed at all WA concert and theater events. Advertising space is available at a very reasonable rate, with distribution in approximately 12,000 Playbills. If you know of any local businesses who would be interested in learning more about this advertising opportunity, please contact:

F.A.M.E. Dinner Dance

The Popular F.A.M.E Dinner Dance will be returning this April (Date TBD) featuring the Westford Academy Jazz Band directed by George Arsenault & additional guest artists.

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. has contributed:

grants for innovative music programs, music scholarships, sheet music, instruments, uniforms, music software, field trips, and more.

Calendar 2008-2009

November

- 13, 14, 15 WATA. The King Stag
- 19 WA Chorus & Orchestra Concert, 7 pm
- 20 WA Concert & Jazz Bands Concert, 7 pm
- 22 Senior District Auditions

December

- 5, 6, 7 "Once on this Island JR", BMS 7 pm
- 12 WA Holiday Sing-a-long, 7 pm
- 17 SB Chorus Concert, 7 pm
- 18 BMS Orchestra Concert, 7 pm

January

- 9, 10 Eastern District Music Festival at BU
- 24 All-State Auditions
- 29, 30, 31 WATA Lone Star & Laundry & Bourbon
- 31 Junior District Auditions

February

- 26, 28 WATA Angels in America

March

- 6, 7 Jr District Festival
- 11 Townwide Band Night, WA 7 pm
- 12 WATA Angels in America
- 12 Townwide Strings Night, WA 6:30 pm WA
- 18 Townwide Vocal Night, WA 7 pm
- 26, 28 All State Music Festival in Boston

April

- 3, 4, 5 MICCA Festival
- 17 F.A.M.E. Dinner Dance at First Parish Church United
- 30 WATA Spring Musical (TBD)

May

- 1, 2, 7, 8, 10 WATA Spring Musical (TBD)
- 7 SB Chorus Concert, 7:00 pm
- 13 WA Chorus & Orchestra Concert, 7 pm
- 14 WA Concert & Jazz Bands Concert, 7 pm
- 19 WA Music Awards Night, 7 pm
- 27 Crisafulli & WA Strings Concert, WA 7:00 pm
- 28 BMS Orchestras & Day School Strings Concert, WA 7:00 pm
- 29 SB Orchestras & Abbot Strings Concert WA, 7:00 pm

June

- 2 SB Band Concert at 7:00 pm
- 4 BMS Band Concert at 7:00 pm

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Westford Academy Events

BSO Field Trip, Nov. 6th. The students attended a discussion with a BSO musician followed by an actual rehearsal of Carl Orff's Carmina Burana.

MICCA Trip

<http://www.miccamusic.org/index.htm>

F.A.M.E. will contribute \$900 towards the upcoming MICCA field trip. WA Band, Orchestra, and Chorus students will attend the statewide festivals in April 2009.

Eastern Senior District Auditions

www.mmeaeasterndistrict.org/index.htm

The high school SR. district auditions this year are being held at Milton High School on Saturday November 22.

WA Pep Band

F.A.M.E. purchased T-Shirts for the WA Pep Band with a custom design created by the students. This enthusiastic group of musicians plays at the WA basketball games.

Tri-M Musical Honor Society

Tri-M Musical Honor Society is a group of passionate band, orchestra, and choral students, dedicated both in performance and in the classroom. Each year, Tri-M focuses on one major service project, helping the greater musical community. This year, the members of Tri-M wanted to provide their services locally, spreading their love of music to younger students in Westford.

The Westford kindergarten curriculum no longer involves music class, so Tri-M members decided to do their best to instill their knowledge of music to Westford's youngest students. The Tri-M members split into groups of three, created their own lesson plans, and are currently visiting every kindergarten classroom in town, teaching thirty minute classes. We hope that these opportunities will help to get the children of Westford excited about music, and enthusiastic about the strong music program Westford will have to offer them in the future.

Marching Band News

The Westford Academy Marching band is an extra-curricular musical ensemble open to both

high school and middle school students. This group is filled with students who look to expand their musical experiences by performing on a different type of stage than is shown by concerts. The band plays at Westford Academy football games as well as parades such as Apple Blossom and Memorial Day in the spring. The marching band performs a half-time show for every game. Recent shows have been "The Beatles", "Nightmare Before Christmas", "Wicked", and "Earth, Wind, and Fire".

For more information contact:

Jeff Malanson jmalanson@westfordk12.us

Eagle Scout Project

F.A.M.E. is supporting Neil Wimberg's project to digitize the Music Library at WA. It's estimated there are 25 days of music in the WA music library to be converted. This project will allow past and future student work at WA to be preserved in a digital database. Thanks Neil !

Westford Summer Music Program

The Westford Summer Music Program was a great success this year. 41 orchestra and band students participated in a one week program focusing on ensemble playing and general musicianship. Highlights included a guest conductor for the band, a competitive musical jeopardy game, and string students working in quartets with high school mentors. A concert was held at the end of the week to display and celebrate our progress. Each student received a program T-shirt along with a folding music stand. We hope to build on our success and expand enrollment in 2009. Registration info will be available in late February.

For more information contact:

Mr. Arsenault garsenault@westfordk12.us

F.A.M.E Camp Scholarships

Students in Gr. 5-9 can apply for F.A.M.E. Scholarships to attend summer music programs. Ask your music teacher for more information.

2008 recipients were **Laurianne Posch**, Westford Summer Music Camp with Mr. George Arsenault and Mrs. Jessica Corwin

and **John Bergin**, The Interlochen Center for the Arts Summer Program in Michigan.

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Spring Music Awards May 15, 2008

The 2007-08 awards ceremony recognized the following students:

Awards

National Choral Award	Madeline Serpe
Chopin Award	Rebecca Chick
NSOA	Charles Yip
John Philip Sousa	Jack Foley
Woody Herman	Luke Coughlan
Patrick Gilmore	Lucy Bergin
F.A.M.E. Arion	Jared Forsyth
Outstanding Tri-M Sr.	Meghan Esposito
National Marching Band Award	Jack Foley

Director's Awards

Choral	Sarah Walsh
Orchestra	Caitlin Hartig
Band	Dan Murphy

WA Merit Awards

Orchestra	Christine Mussachio Michelle Ho
Band	Joe Lewnard

Most Outstanding

Orchestra	Band
9 th Chris Kawasaki	9 th Peter Lewnard
10 th Eileen Liu	10 th Billy Zhao
11 th Adela Bai	11 th Anthony Martins
12 th Charles Yip	12 th Lucy Bergin
Concert Choir	Honors Choir
9 th Karya Bowen	10 th Matthew Higgins
10 th Ashley Wright	11 th Matthew Mettler
11 th Sarah Kay	12 th Elizabeth Melchin
12 th Carla Gerardi	

Marching Band Awards

Middle School	Scott Cooper
9 th	Ben Eck
10 th	Neil Wimberg
11 th	Stephen Mauroides
12 th	Dan Murphy

First Chair Awards

Philharmonia	Orchestra
Charles Yip	Eileen Liu
Brian Lee	Chris Kawasaki
Adela Bai	Katarina Cheng
Caitlin Hartig	Tien Chen
Dan Searl	Joe Zhou
Band	
Samuel Wright-Fairbanks	Joe Lewnard
Arthi Kumaravel	Kevin Joyce
Kai Zwenecki	Patrick Tansey
Phil Mastandrea	Anthony Martins
Dan Murphy	Julie Vining
Chapin Johnson	

WA Orchestra Special Thanks

Mentors Adela, Chris, Brian

WA Orchestra Awards

Gone But Not Forgotten	Alison Fulmer
Most Improved	Paige Calisi
Improved	Jade Yang
Most Improved	Dan Searl
Mr. Helpful	Peter Edwards
Can You Hear Me Now?	Ridwan Amad
Fiddling Around Award	Chris Crane
I'm too Nice to Play Louder Award	Michelle S-G
Need a Mute? Award	Charles Yip
Hungry? Award	Min Park
It's Time	Caroline Turpin, Peter Edwards

WA Band Awards

I Can Play Anything	Alex Pfister
Organizer Extroidinaire	Chris Bennett
Quick Study	Ben Eck
Most Improved	Patrick Tansey
Ol' Reliable	Ashley Steinhouse
110%	Sean Muir
You Can Count on Me	Sam Wright-Fairbanks
I Can Play That	Alex Pfister
Follow Me Leadership Award	Dan Murphy

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Middle Schools

Holiday Program, Middle Schools

F.A.M.E. will provide funds to transport middle school musicians providing holiday cheer for local seniors.

BMS CHORUS is leading a multicultural show called "December Around The World" for two in-school assemblies on Dec. 12. The chorus is combining with the foreign language department for this presentation. For the chorus' Winter Concert, members of the BMS orchestra and the Crisafulli chorus will be our special guests for the evening. We are performing with JAC to show the elementary parents what great singing opportunities there are at BMS.

The West St. Serenaders' concert calendar is filling quickly. They can be seen at the school concerts, community service shows, and in Boston. You can hear them at the Westford Toy store and Starbucks as part of a fundraiser for their competition trip in late April. Come by and support them if you can.

General music classes are learning to play the piano. For many students this is their first time trying an instrument and they are doing wonderfully. BMS has some new piano keyboards which is great. BMS is selling their old piano keyboards. If you are interested contact:

David Lussier, dlussier@westfordk12.us

Thanks again for all you do!

David

F.A.M.E. received this thank you from the Serenaders

Thank you again for F.A.M.E's \$100 donation to support the West Street Serenaders

The **Serenaders** performed at St. Bartholomew's Church in NYC as they participated in the "Festival of Gold" National Competition. They sang three songs and achieved a "silver" rating. The Serenaders were one of only two groups that included middle school students, all the others were high school ensembles. It was a wonderful experience for all the girls!

F.A.M.E. TROPHIES AWARDED

Graduating 8th and 5th grade students are selected by their music teachers to be recognized for their outstanding musical contributions.

Stony Brook Middle School

F.A.M.E. TROPHIES:

Band	Jacqueline Marhefka Theresa Yuan Timothy Olivier
Jazz Band	Matthew Whitney Matthew Beardsley
Chorus	Duncan Kearns Danielle Victory
Orchestra	Vivek Gaddam Radhika Akhil Ted Frohlich Jenna Lee Jackie Der

Blanchard Middle School

F.A.M.E. Trophies :

Band	Jessica Linnell Eric Colomb Prayuth Naduthota
Jazz Band	Andre Lacroix Eric Cajolet Matthew R. Miller
Chorus	Devon Timlin Kyle Hughes
Orchestra	Jason Ko Sabrina Lane-Smith Graham LaBossiere Peter DiMaggio Ben Wesley

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Elementary Strings Grades 3-5

Did You Know.... the Westford Music Dept. piloted a Strings Mentoring Program last year? Members of the WA Orchestra are matched with elementary school musicians for one-on-one assistance in playing violin, viola, and cello. Mentoring lessons can be used to help younger students accelerate or reinforce their Strings studies.

Did You Know.... that 3rd and 4th gr. Strings students enrolled in private or mentoring lessons are eligible to audition for and participate in the Fifth Grade Orchestras at the Abbot, Crisafulli and Day Schools? For information, contact Ms. Corwin or Mr. Hamelin.

Fifth Grade Orchestras

This fall the Elementary Strings Program is pleased to have 24 third and fourth gr. students participating in the Fifth Grade Orchestras at the Abbot, Crisafulli and Day Schools. These students were eligible based on their private lesson experience and demonstrated skills equal to or exceeding the fifth grade standards through an audition. The next round of auditions will be held in January.

Congratulations: Isabella DeScenza, Aidan Donaher, Meghan Donohue, Brandon Donovan, Gregory Du, Hannah Graham-Brown, Esther Kim, Jason Kottas, Andrew Leung, Marie Levandier, Hunter Lyon, Forrest Meng, Hansika Poovannan, Joseph Ricca, Mitchell Rose, Sean Tseng, Emily Turcott, Ashley Wang, Jeffrey Wong, Abigail Wood, Thomas Yu, Frank Zhang, Sophie Zhang and Brian Zhao.

Westford Strings Program

<http://westfordk12.us/strings>

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Mr. Hamelin thamelin@westfordk12.us

F.A.M.E. Trophies Elementary Schools

Abbot School

Orchestra	Thomas Chen
Band	Nathan Beningson Kevin Bowen Hannah Paquette Amy Keum Bryson Friedlander
Chorus	Kelly Chung Lisa Forsyth Kayleigh McHugh Vanessa Palermo

Crisafulli School

Orchestra	Alex Cheng
Band	Emily Du Katherine Souza Carol Neuhardt Thomas Mitsock Amy Doucette
Chorus	Iona Bielby Nicole Cardarelli Marshall Grant Brandon Jurewicz

Day School

Orchestra	Annie Tsai Alexandra Morrison Allison Leung Nicole Huang Edwin Zhang
Band	Daniel Grimes Katherine Wang Nicole Lucente John Barrett David Rosenberg
Chorus	Sara Rottger Alexandra Morrison Jessica Paziienza

Links to Music Programs

WA Music Department

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

Strings Middle Schools

<http://sb.westfordk12.us/pages/iaweb/sbstrings/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>

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F.A.M.E. wishes to thank our sponsor, University Music for their support. Please support them with your patronage.

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

F.A.M.E. OFFICERS 2008 - 2009

Bob Morrison President
Joanne Mavroides Vice President
Nancy Wimberg Treasurer
Ellen M. Martins Secretary

For more information on F.A.M.E
contact Bob Morrison, F.A.M.E. President
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**F.A.M.E. is selling Season Passes to all Westford Academy
Music Concerts & Main Stage Productions**

**Passes are \$50 each and allow admittance
to each of the following events:**

Main Stage Productions

Nov 13, 14 & 15 The King Stag
Jan 29, 30 & 31 Lone Star & Laundry and Bourbon
Feb 26, 28, March 12 Angels in America
Apr 30, May 1, 2, 7, 8 & 10 A Spring Musical (TBD)

Musical Concerts

Nov 19 - WA Chorus & Orchestra
Nov 20 - WA Band
Dec 12 - Holiday Sing Along
Mar 11 - Town Wide Band Concert
Mar 12 - Town Wide Strings Concert
Mar 18 - Town Wide Chorus Concert
May 13 - WA Chorus & Orchestra
May 14 - WA Band

Proceeds will be used to support music in the Westford Public Schools.
Passes may be purchased by sending the attachment below along with a
check made payable to **F.A.M.E.:**

**F.A.M.E.
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supporting all grades of Westford Music Education.**

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