



Friends of Hanover Music & Theater Holiday Newsletter



December 2019- January 2020

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 6: Karaoke Night, 6pm HHS Media Room

Dec. 6: 7/8 Grade Band performs @ Providence Bruins

Dec. 7: HS Band performs @ Santa Arrives/Tree Lighting, John Curtis Library 2:15pm

Dec. 7: Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild's contest day, St. John's Preparatory School

Dec. 7: Jr District Auditions

Dec.10: Center School Winter Concert, HHS 7pm

Dec. 11: HMS Band Winter Concert, (Gr. 6-8) HMS, 7pm

Dec. 12: HMS Winter Chorus Concert, 7pm.

Dec. 12: Cedar School Holiday Concert. 9am Kindergarten, 10:15am Grade 1

Dec. 19: High School Holiday Pops concert @ HHS auditorium. Concert band and all choruses will perform beginning at 7pm.

Jan 24: Friends of Hanover Music Winter Gala (location TBD). Food, fun, prizes and MUSIC!

Greetings of the Season...



The weather has certainly been a challenge this year and it is only the 1st week of December! The Pride of Hanover Marching Band performed one last time for the season at the Thanksgiving Day football game, but rain shortened the show. The snow this week has set the scene to get us ready for the holiday season. This fall, we also enjoyed a wonderful Prism Concert and terrific performance of *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*.

Next up are the holiday concerts for each school. We are all busy with work, parties, shopping, baking and other holiday preparations, but we should take time to relax and enjoy the holiday season.

All concerts are guaranteed to put you in the holiday spirit! We especially encourage younger music students and their families to attend the middle and high school concerts, as they can be so inspiring to young musicians!



SCHOOL NOTES



CEDAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **Anne Thornton, Music Director**

Hello from Cedar School Kindergarten and First Grade!

We are preparing for our annual Cedar School Holiday Concert. Our event will take place on December 11th for teachers, students, and staff, and on December 12th at 9:00 am for Kindergarten families and 10:15am for Grade 1 families. The children are enjoying the songs and working hard; the excitement is building!

Both Grades are working on various vocal explorations using all parts of their voices. We are looking at various chants from 1st Steps in Music, such as "The Ice Cream Sundae", "Big Pig", and "The Airplane Ride". During Halloween we looked at "On A Dark And Stormy Night." This Thanksgiving we are looking at echo songs such as the Natiive American "He, He, Wanna Wawate", and "Kye Kye Kule" from Africa. Both levels are working on the Prodigies series which explores the C Major scale with handbells as well as incorporating the corresponding solfege hand signs for each note name. Currently we are on "Say hello to our friend sol," the teal bell. We are exploring rhythms with "Sweet Beats" and the quarter rest using the white no color bell.

In Kindergarten we are continuing with beat and rhythm by using rhythm sticks, triangles and hand drums. We also are playing a guessing game called "beat or no beat!" We begin our class with "Wacky Warm Up" and "Music is Cool!"

Grade 1 warms up with "Bubble Gum Pop," our basketball shuffle Drill, and Ebenezer Sneezer from the Young Voiceworks curriculum. We are looking at quarter and eighth notes as well as the quarter rest. Grade 1 just completed studying the tambourine and triangle and will be moving to other percussion instruments.

We are having a great time exploring various movement songs for the seasons and, we will learn a few holiday dances!

Hope you have a wonderful holiday season from your friends at Cedar School!

CENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **Dustin Lindsey, Music Director**

Dear Families and Friends,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well, and that you are all staying warm and cozy as winter moves upon us. Our young musicians have been busy at Center School, singing, dancing, saying, and playing. I hope they have been sharing songs and rhymes at home, but if not, here is a little update to share what we have been doing in the music room.

Throughout the months of October and November our musicians continued working on becoming Tuneful, Beatful, and Artful. Grade 4 has been putting the pedal to the metal in preparation for their **Winter Concert** (December 10, 2019 at Hanover High School, 7pm). We hope you will join us for a few

tunes you have not heard, as well as a few holiday favorites (and YES, you are invited to sing along).

Students in Grade 2 have been exploring the different ways they can use their voice to have a conversation using puppets in our "Whale Talk" vocal exploration. Students take turns creating a sound like a "whale" and a classmate echos back the pattern.

This is setting students up for improvised conversation (and singing) later in the year. Students in Grade 3 have been moving musically to many new pieces of music, including a school favorite, "Danse Macabre" by one of our favorite French composers, Camille Saint-Säens. Students acted as a ghoulish characters in this piece which we bust out around Halloween. All students in grades 2 and 3 have also been singing and exploring xylophones, glockenspiels, and metallophones while learning the tunes "Lucy Rabbit," "Closet Key," and "Skin and Bones." All students also learned the song "America the Beautiful," which was presented at our first Veterans Day celebration in the middle of November. Students presented as a group at the Hanover Veterans memorial for the entire school and community members in attendance.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this, and for supporting our wonderful students and music program. We hope to see you at our **Winter Concert** and the upcoming **FHMT Fundraiser**. Keep spreading the word about FHMT (Friends of Hanover Music and Theater) as we are always looking for new members. Your membership in FHMT ensures that the exceptional opportunities we provide in Hanover will continue long into the future. **Viva la musica!**



HANOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL GENERAL MUSIC


John Schumacher, Director

The 27th Annual HMS Harvest Jam, featuring 8th grade students acting and performing on stage took place on Friday, Oct. 25th in the cafeteria. Students sang, rapped, danced, did gymnastics, and performed lip syncs while the staff recreated the Barden Bellas from "Pitch Perfect," and principal Birolini performed "Stairway to Heaven." To start things off, the HMS Performance Troupe performed "I Gotta Feeling" by the Black Eyed Peas and then finished the production with "Don't Stop Me Now" by Queen.

The 5th grade STAGE AND STUDIO TECH class has been very busy this fall working on Spirit Day, Veterans Day and Turkey Trot Assemblies as well as the Harvest Jam Production. The 6th graders in THE BROADWAY MUSICAL class, have been researching Broadway musicals from 1948 to now including the soon to open on Broadway "Six" which musically tells the story of Henry the 8th's six wives. The 8th graders in VIDEO PRODUCTION have been creating motion graphic pieces - some of which will be used in the Winter Jam in January.

Regular general music classes have just completed round 1 of RHYTHMWRITE. The 5th graders are also researching media technology over the last 140 years. The 6th graders are singing "We Didn't Start the Fire" by Billy Joel. The 7th graders are looking at recorded music over the last 100 years and the 8th graders are completing their Music Presentation video projects using iMovie, Garageband, iTunes and Motion.

HANOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
Julienne Thornell, Director



HANOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL BANDS

HOLIDAY CONCERT

Wednesday, December 11
7:00pm, HMS Gym
Grades 6-8

HMS Instrumental Music Events

December 6 7th & 8th Band performance @ Providence Bruins

December 7 Jr. District Auditions

December 11 Band Concert, grades 6-8, 7:00pm

February 1 SEMSBA Auditions

February 5 7th/8th Band at Boston State House

May 13 Band Concert, grades 6-8, 7:00pm

HMS Band Website

<https://www.bandhms.weebly.com>

Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/hmsband1>

Twitter

<https://twitter.com/hmsband1>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/hmsband1>

HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Matt Harden, Director

Seasons greetings! The Hanover High School Bands are once again wrapping up a wonderful marching season. It was truly heartwarming to see so many parents, friends, and alumni at the Thanksgiving Game. Although we got another unexpected "gift" from mother nature this year, I am so proud of our students and their perseverance over the course of the Fall. I would like to specifically recognize our senior members as they marched their last field show with the Pride of Hanover. Now we turn to the holidays - always a busy time of the year for us! We hope all of you will join us for our annual Holiday Pops Concert on Thursday, December 19th at 7:00 pm in the Nyman Auditorium. We have some festive and exciting repertoire to share with you and get you in the holiday spirit. The Jazz Ensemble will also be performing at various community events throughout the season.

Southeastern District Auditions

Congratulations to **Anna Minichino, Ian MacDonald, Dan Butka, and Peter Bell** for their successful auditions for Sr. District in November. **Anna** and **Ian** also qualified for an All-State Recommendation and will audition with the best musicians in the state in January!

CONGRATULATIONS!

2020 MMEA Southeastern District

Senior Festival Members

Kyle Knight, Bass

Anna Minichino, Flute

Ian MacDonald, Trombone

Dan Butka, Trombone

Peter Bell, Composition

Upcoming 2020 Dates:

Southeastern District Sr. Festival

January 10-11

South Shore Band Exchange Concert

February 12 - Marshfield HS

MAJE Cape Cod/Coastal Jazz Festival

March 3 - Marshfield HS

MMEA All-State

March 5-6

Festival Concert

March 19

Mr. Collin Fahey, Drama Director HHS

After an excellent run of *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* here at the high school, HHS Drama is going swimmingly heading into the holiday season! Congratulations and praise goes out to all who were involved in making it a success!

This week, HHS Drama will be hosting a Karaoke Night on Friday, December 6th at 6pm in the Media Room at the high school. There will be a bake sale, other goodies and of course, lots of karaoke! Come join us for a night of singing and fun! We will also be announcing our play for competition in Drama Fest this year! It will be \$5 admission (includes unlimited karaoke!) and all proceeds will benefit our hosting of the Pre-liminary round of the METG's Drama Festival in February. Hope to see you there!

This Saturday, (December 7th), high school students will participate in the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild's contest day, held at St. John's Preparatory School. Specifically, HHS drama students will be competing in the Set Design contest and the Scene Partner Contest. Students who compete will be judged alongside their peers from all across the state in this fantastic day of high school theater! Best of luck to all involved!

We look forward to the Friends of Hanover Music and Theater Gala, which will be held on January 24th. HHS Drama will be performing scenes starring our scene contest participants, as well as others.

Finally HHS Drama would like to personally thank everyone for their continued support of the arts here in Hanover. It's this continued support that allows us to create, teach and broaden the arts in our entire community. From all of us, we wish you a happy and safe holiday season!

Hanover Music and Theatre Sweatshirts and Long Sleeved shirts Available

Need a holiday gift 🎁 for the special music 🎵 or theater 🎭 student in your life? How about a cozy sweatshirt hoodie or long sleeve shirt? Orders received by December 13th will be available before Christmas! 🎄 Questions? Send us an email fhmthanover@gmail.com !



Friends of Hanover Music and Theater

(Design on left chest & back)

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Sweatshirts \$30

	Navy			Gray		
Adult	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
Youth	S	M	L	XL		

Name embroidered on sleeve (optional) _____

Long Sleeve T-shirts \$20

	Navy			Gray		
Adult	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
Youth	S	M	L	XL		

Please make checks payable to FHMT

All proceeds will benefit Friends of Hanover Music and Theater... THANK YOU!

Orders received by December 13 will be available before Christmas

Volunteers Wanted

Our biggest fundraiser of the year, Friends of Hanover Music & Theater Winter Gala (Location TBD) is scheduled for January 24, 2020. We can use all types of volunteers to help set up, clean up, solicit raffle donations, decorate and more.

**To volunteer please email Margaret Knight
at newfoundlake1@verizon.net**

Remember: For your student to be eligible for a scholarship, you must attend at least 1 FHMT meeting and volunteer for at least 2 events.

Students who volunteer can earn community service hours!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

FHMT Friends of Hanover Music & Theater

2019 - 2020 Membership sign-up



WHO SHOULD JOIN? ALL parents of students in Hanover Public School Music & Theatre programs - your kids benefit directly!

WHO ELSE SHOULD JOIN? Anyone who supports Music & Theater education at Cedar, Center, HMS and HHS!

DID YOU KNOW?

FHMT awards scholarships to graduating seniors? This year we will AWARD 4, \$500 scholarships to 4 HHS Seniors! 1 to a band student, 1 to a chorus student, 1 to a theater student, and 1 to a student majoring in music or theater in college.

FHMT awards scholarships to students in all grades to pursue music & theater education in the summer AND LESSONS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR?

FHMT donates money annually to the MUSIC & THEATER DEPARTMENTS of Cedar, Center, HMS and HHS? This past year we donated \$5000 to the schools, which goes directly to the music programs to pay for equipment, trips, and music events!

FHMT meets with the music instructors and Hanover Public Schools Administration to help with event planning, raise funds, increase music awareness and make music a priority for the Hanover Public Schools? **Meetings take place on the second Tuesday of each month.**

JOIN US if you care about music & theater in the Hanover Public Schools! e-mail us at: fhmthanover@gmail.com

"Like" The Friends of Hanover Music & Theater Facebook page for updates, photos and videos!

UP COMING EVENTS:

Winter Gala – January 24, 2020

Spring Yard Sale – TBD

FHMT-FRIENDS OF HANOVER MUSIC & THEATRE MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019-2020: \$25.00/YEAR

NAME OF CHILD: _____ **GRADE AS OF SEPT '19:** _____

SCHOOL: _____

BAND: _____ **CHORUS:** _____ **THEATER:** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ **INSTRUMENT:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **TELEPHONE:** _____

***EMAIL ADDRESS:** _____ *REQUIRED FOR NEWS AND UPDATES

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO **FHMT** AND MAIL TO: SUZETTE SCOTT, 161 MAIN STREET, HANOVER, MA 02339

AMOUNT: \$ _____

CASH _____

CHECK# _____

RECEIVED BY: _____

 **PayPal** ALSO AVAILABLE

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF
HANOVER MUSIC & THEATER

TUESDAY December 10, 2019

7:00pm

And bring your
friends!

IN THE HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL BAND ROOM

And as always, thank you for your support!



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