



# Friends of Hanover Music & Theater



## Newsletter

**September - November 2019**

**Upcoming Events:**

**Oct. 18:** 7:00 pm, HS Football vs. Quincy. HHS

**Oct. 8:** 7:00 pm, FHMT Meeting, HHS Multipurpose Room

**Oct. 24:** 7:00 pm, PRISM Concert (HHS Bands and Chorus)

**Oct. 25:** 7:00 pm, Harvest Jam, HMS

**Oct. 25:** 7:00 pm, HS Football vs. North Quincy. HHS

**Oct. 27:** 1:00 pm, annual Halloween Parade at HHS

**Nov. 2:** UMass Band Day, HHS band at UMass Amherst

**Nov. 12:** 7:00 pm, FHMT Meeting, HHS Multipurpose Room

**Nov. 28:** Thanksgiving game at HHS

**FHMT Links:**

Facebook: [FHMT](#)

Instagram: [FHMT02339](#)

**School Links:**

[HHS Music Website](#)

[HMS Band Website](#)

[Mr. Schu's Website](#)



## Our 2<sup>nd</sup> year supporting both Music and Theater in the Hanover Schools

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. 2018-2019 was the 1<sup>st</sup> year Friends of Hanover Music and Theater supported both music and theater programs in Hanover Schools. We presented 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. We are looking forward to what this new school year will bring.

Friends of Hanover Music & Theater is a group of passionate parents and supporters of the music and theater programs in Hanover. Our annual fundraisers—Yard Sale, January Gala—will help raise much needed funds to keep the music and theater programs thriving in our schools.

Whether you're a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or just someone who loves music, theater and musical theater, the Friends of Hanover Music & Theater needs you!

Fill out our membership form below, sign up for one of our many volunteer opportunities and help support our incredibly talented students!



## FHMT Friends of Hanover Music & Theater

2019-2020 - Early 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](mailto:fhmthanover@gmail.com)**

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

#### **UP COMING EVENTS:**

Winter Gala – January, 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# SCHOOL NOTES



## HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL – INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

**Matt Harden, Director**

Once again, thanks to the outstanding support of our HHS families, we are off to an incredible start to the 2019-2020 school year. Band Camp was an outstanding experience for staff, volunteers and students alike. The band is excited to present our 2019-2020 field show "Summon The Heroes" which features music from Disney's *Hercules*, *Saving Private Ryan*, and *Marvel's Avengers*. It is a tribute to all of the heroes in our lives, both real and imagined--sung and unsung. We hope to see you at one of our upcoming home game performances at halftime:

Friday, October 18

Friday, October 25

Thursday, November 28 (Thanksgiving Game at HHS)

We will also be starting up our second year of the Hanover High School Wind Ensemble over the next couple of weeks. Interested students should see Mr. Harden. Jazz Ensemble auditions will also take place the last two weeks of September, and rehearsals will begin in October.

Upcoming Fall events. Please check our website for updates:

Thursday, October 24 - PRISM Concert - 7:00pm

Sunday, October 27 - Halloween Parade at HHS

Saturday, November 2 – UMass Band day at UMass Amherst)

Saturday, November 23 - Southeastern District Sr. Auditions (Gr. 9-12)

Saturday, December 7 - Southeastern District Jr. Auditions (Gr. 7-9)

We are looking forward to another year of growth, artistry, creativity, and musicianship. Thank you for your ongoing support of music education in our community!

With Pride,  
Mr. Harden



## **HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORAL MUSIC**

**Michael Wade, Director of Choral Music**

Welcome back, to all students and parents! The Hanover Choral Program is off and running, and we are so pleased with the level of dedication students are showing in just the first few weeks of school. The mission statement of the choral program is one of an accepting, open environment for every student; a place where peers can learn from and with each other, while creating beautiful music and a sense of community. Over the course of the year, our overarching focus will be on developing holistic musical literacy, where students become adept at creating, performing, and responding to music of all genres and styles. Students will hone skills in improvisation, composition, analysis, and performing, while also developing personal skills of perseverance, leadership, interpersonal communication, and artistic expression.

Outside of the choral program, there are additional opportunities for students interested in various aspects of the music field. Our Partnership in Music class is devoted towards the field of music therapy, and is comprised of a diverse population of students from throughout the high school. The goal of the class is to give musical experiences to students with special needs, and allow students from the general population leadership and teaching opportunities in a music class setting. Thanks to a grant from the Hanover Foundation for Educational Enrichment, students this year have access to a widened variety of percussive and melodic instruments, many of which are adaptable to the needs of our students, thus greatly expanding the capabilities of our classroom. Keep your eyes peeled for students from our class popping up around Hanover throughout the year!

We also have begun an exciting new instrumental class this year with the addition of Class Guitar! The class meets every other day for the year, with the purpose of developing students' capabilities on the guitar, all while tying in the personal goals of the student. Over the course of the year, students learn the fundamental skills required of playing guitar, including: melodic and chordal playing, strumming and fingerpicking patterns, tuning, music theory, sight-reading, improvisation, and ensemble skills. Whether the student be interested in learning the guitar for fun, writing their own songs as a singer-songwriter, taking part in a band, or becoming a classical guitarist, Class Guitar is the perfect low-stress introduction to the instrument -- no experience necessary!

Hanover continues to be a district dedicated to the support of its performing arts programs -- the mere existence of the above classes are evidence of this. We look forward to sharing a multitude of music with you over the course of the year, and hope you will join us at one of our many performances throughout the year!



## **HANOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

**Julienne Thornell, Director**

We welcome our newest band families to the instrumental music program! There were so many excited students at the rental night, and they are now getting started on their instruments. During these first few weeks, 5th graders will focus on instrument assembly, appropriate embouchure, posture, and sound production. At the first lesson, brass players focus on buzzing and woodwind players learn how to properly adjust the reed and assemble their instrument. Students are encouraged to play as much as possible.

Music students in all grades can enroll in private lessons with a professional on their instrument. This allows them individualized instruction, which is beneficial for all ages and levels. Students can get extra help during these beginner years, or for those that would like to move ahead, learn additional skills and music. For more information, please visit the FACE webpage to sign up for after school lessons at HHS, or contact Mrs. Thornell for recommendations.

The 6th Grade instrumental music students are starting the year as an ensemble, and have already demonstrated great teamwork and enthusiasm. The 7th/8th Band entertained students during the Spirit Day assembly on September 20. Their pieces included Lets Go Band, Feel It Still, Can't Stop the Feeling, We Will Rock You and Another One Bites the Dust. They will also begin preparing music for the Veteran's Day Assembly in November, and the December concert. The bands in grades 6-8 will present a Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00pm. Auditions for Jazz Band are being held the week of September 25-30 and there are many interested students who are ready to give it a try! Instrumental music students in grades 7 & 8 were also invited to participate in a middle school band festival, hosted by Bridgewater State University. Students accepted to the festival will report to BSU on Thursday, October 3, rehearse all day with other middle school students from SE MA, and present a concert in the afternoon. It's a great experience to play with a different conductor, and meet other young musicians with the same interests.

Our exciting news for 7th & 8th Band is that they will have a performance at the State House, hosted by State Rep. David DeCoste. Performing at the State House has always been a very special experience for the HMS Band, and many former students have mentioned it as a middle school highlight. We will perform near the Grand Staircase, tour the State House, possibly visit the House of Representatives, and have a few more surprises! We are very pleased to offer this trip to our students and will provide updates once the February date is determined. Friends and family will also be welcome to meet us there and enjoy this special event.

Visit our website and Facebook page for information and updates throughout the year. You can also find us on Instagram and Twitter @hmsband1. We look forward to seeing you at our events this year!

### **HMS Instrumental Music Events**

October 3 BSU middle school band festival

November 8 Veterans Day Assembly

December 7 Jr. District Auditions

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

February 1 SEMSBA Auditions

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

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

#### **HMS Band Website**

<http://bandhms.weebly.com>

#### **Facebook Page**

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

#### **Twitter**

<https://twitter.com/hmsband1>

#### **Instagram**

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

## **HANOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL GENERAL MUSIC**

**John Schumacher, Director**

The HMS Performance Troupe started out their year with a performance at the annual Spirit Day Assembly on Sept. 20th in the gym. They performed a special HMS version of Taylor Swift's "You Need To Calm Down" with lead vocals being sung by 8th graders Kaelyn Chase and Gianna Beer. They now are rehearsing for the 27th Harvest Jam which takes place on Friday, Oct. 25th.

The Middle School students have started their exploratory music courses at HMS. The 5th graders are participating in STAGE AND STUDIO TECH - learning about and getting hands on experience with set design, lighting design, sound design and all the elements that go into creating a stage or video production. The 6th graders are studying THE BROADWAY MUSICAL, a look at Broadway past and present. The 8th graders are in VIDEO PRODUCTION creating, directing, performing, editing and crewing pieces for HMS THIS WEEK and ANCHOR TV.

Regular general music classes are underway with RHYTHMWRITE happening in all four grades. Students are learning "rhythmic dictation" by both clapping and drawing musical notation!



# Center School

## Elementary Grades 2 - 4

### CENTER SCHOOL

**Dustin Lindsey, Music Director**

Dear Families and Friends,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well, and that you are adjusting well to the start of the new school year. 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.

All of our musicians have been getting back into the swing of things in the music room. Every class we take the opportunity to listen to a new song, rhyme or chant, move to the beat, sing a familiar song or two, and explore the room through different movement activities. As we grow our song, rhyme, and chant collection, we will also be adding a variety of classroom instruments to play.



Students have been reviewing the song "Yankee Doodle," ensuring that our beats are all together, and our voices continue to grow more **Tuneful**. We have also worked on becoming more **Beautiful** by keeping the beat while listening to the music of Italian Baroque composers Arcangelo Corelli (Concerto Grosso In C, Allegro) and Antonio Vivaldi (Gloria - Domine Fili Unigenite). Students have become even more **Artful** while exploring creative movement with two movements from Camille Saint-Saëns Carnival of the Animals (1886): Tortues (The Tortoises), and Aquarium.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this, and for supporting our wonderful students and music program. I hope you will consider 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!**

Musically,

**Mr. Dustin Lindsey**

Center Elementary School  
2-4 General Music and Chorus



# Cedar School

Elementary PreK - Grade 1

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

I am very excited to begin my third year teaching at Cedar School. This year is very exciting as Cedar School is now an early childhood pre-K-1 school! We are planning some exciting events and concerts throughout the year to give our students learning and performing opportunities.

Kindergarten students are beginning the year with vocal and pitch exploration. They will learn about the various pitch and non-pitched instruments in the room and begin singing games, movement songs, and rhythmic poetry. We are also beginning a music prodigies program with both grades playing color coded hand bells while learning the notes on the scale! Kindergarten will also perform songs for the holiday concert this December!

Grade 1 students are starting with name games that incorporate rhythms and movement. Singing game songs will be introduced weekly as well as games focusing on musical and rhythmic development. They will learn about music and composers from the 19th century through the roaring 20's decade. The children will also learn folk and international songs as well as music for our holiday concert.

The children will also continue with the First Steps in Music program which aligns with the Center grades 2, 3, and 4 levels.

I am looking forward to our very first new beginning at Cedar School with my new k and Grade 1 friends.

# Drama & Theater

Mr. Collin Fahey, Drama Director HHS

## Drama Club Newsletter!

September Issue

You're a Good Man Charlie Brown!

This years fall musical is You're a Good Man Charlie Brown!

Rehearsals are Monday-Wednesday 6-8. There will be four shows, with performances on Thursday November 21 at 7, Friday November 22 at 7, and Saturday November 23 at 2 and 7. The cast list is attached below. We can't wait to see what will surely be an amazing show!

### METG Scene Competition

We are excited to announce that the HHS Drama Club will be participating in the METG Scene Competition for our second consecutive year! We will be looking for students grades 9-11 to act in scenes that can be no more than three minutes long. We are also looking for any seniors who might be interested in directing a scene for the contest. If you are interested in more information please reach Mr. Fahey or a member of the Drama Club E-board.

Remember to keep up with all things drama by following the HHS Drama instagram account @hanoverhighdramaclub

## More Competitions!

Aside from the scene competition, METG offers multitudes of other theatre related contests that are perfect for students to gain more experience, build their resume, or possibly win a scholarship. For students interested in tech and design, we recommend you look into the "High School Excellence in Technical Theater Contest". For aspiring play-writes we recommend the "Sherwood Collins Playwriting Contest". For seniors interested in receiving a scholarship for their acting, we recommend the "Doug Ingalls Scholarship Auditions". For any students interested in designing a logo for the next festival shirt we recommend the "High School Logo Design Contest". If you are interested in any of these contests please feel free to visit the website linked below to learn specifics.

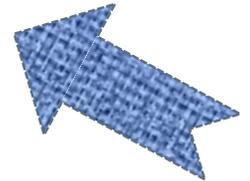
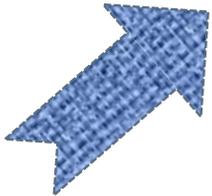
We're so excited for this year and all of the fantastic production that await us! Hope you've had a nice September so far! - the Drama Club E-board.



Upcoming volunteer opportunities for parents and/or students:

- January 2020, Annual Gala. Students and parents will be needed to set up and help during the event!
- Ongoing: Volunteers needed to solicit restaurants for gift cards and food stores for donations for our raffle calendar, as well as raffle donations for our January fundraiser.

**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. Also, students who volunteer receive all-important community service hours!**



**To volunteer please email Margaret Knight  
at [newfoundlake1@verizon.net](mailto:newfoundlake1@verizon.net)**



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

**TUESDAY October 8, 2019**

**7:00pm**

And bring your  
friends!

**IN THE HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL MULTIPURPOSE ROOM**

*And as always, thank you for your support!*



**2019 – 2020 FHMT Officers**

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Gala Coordinators – Jill Kadra & Janet Fortier

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