



Friends of Hanover Music

Newsletter

June and Summer 2016

Upcoming Events:

MONDAY, June 13 At HHS BAND

ROOM:

6:15 pm, HHS Band Camp Meeting,

6:30 pm, HHS Music Trip to Disney Meeting

7:00 pm, FHM Meeting

June 25: Hanover Day Music Performances

July 30: 9:00 am, FHM Mattress Sale, HHS Gym



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Reflections of a Music Parent



Graduation is naturally a time for reflection for both students and their parents, and these reflections bring on a range of emotions.

Graduating senior music students have most likely been playing or singing with their "teammates" since about fifth grade. During that time, with the help of their "coaches", they've grown in ability and as human beings. And as they've grown, they've been encouraged to mentor those younger than themselves. They've been taught to practice even when they didn't feel like it, and they've seen that doing so actually does produce results. They've had to cooperate because that's how harmony works, with everyone playing their part correctly to make the whole sound it's very best. Kids who are more comfortable in the background are urged to put themselves out there to perform a solo, and find confidence they didn't know they had.

A girl who was going to give up band after eighth grade because she didn't want to have to do marching band was encouraged to give it a try just for one more year, just do band camp once and see how it goes. She does, and discovers a passion for music she didn't know she had, and a love for sharing and helping others find that passion too. In her sophomore year, she takes up chorus as well. She becomes drum major of the band her junior and senior year. She graduates and goes off to college to major in music education so that maybe someday, she can bring the gift of music to other students like it was given to her.

Most music students will not follow this path, but because of our strong music program and amazing teachers, they will leave with music in their hearts and more tools to face the future successfully than they started out with. Thank you from a grateful parent.



Some changes have been made to our private lesson scholarship procedure - We have expanded our scholarship opportunities to benefit students who may not take private music lessons during the summer, but do during the school year! Going forward, if your student and your family meet the criteria below, your student may now receive a scholarship for lessons at any time during the year.

ELIGIBILITY:

- 1. Applicant must be enrolling in a music program/lessons that are either instructional and/or music performance oriented. Students may be awarded one scholarship per year (summer, fall, or spring).**
- 2. Applicant must be attending the Hanover public schools and participating in the music programs in the fall of 2016.**
- 3. Applicant's family must be a dues-paid member of the FHM by January 31, 2016, have attended one FHM meeting anytime between September 1, 2015 and April 12, 2016, and worked at a minimum of two FHM sponsored fundraisers or events (Mattress Sale, Yard Sale, Newcomer Fair, January Fundraiser, Canning, selling merchandise at school concerts).**



The sooner the criteria are met, the sooner the scholarship can be applied for, so use the early membership sign-up form on the next page of the newsletter to secure your family's membership for the 2016-17 school year, and stay tuned to the newsletter for FHM meeting dates and volunteer opportunities!



FHM FRIENDS OF HANOVER MUSIC

2016 - 2017 EARLY MEMBERSHIP SIGN-UP

SIGN UP TODAY AND RECEIVE A FREE CHANCE TO WIN 2 TICKETS TO OUR FUNDRAISER GALA!

WHO SHOULD JOIN? ALL PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN HANOVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS MUSIC PROGRAMS - YOUR KIDS BENEFIT DIRECTLY!

WHO ELSE SHOULD JOIN? ANYONE WHO SUPPORTS MUSIC EDUCATION AT CEDAR, CENTER/SYLVESTER, HMS AND HHS!

DID YOU KNOW...

FHM AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO GRADUATING SENIORS? THIS PAST YEAR WE AWARDED \$500 EACH TO 3 HHS SENIORS!

FHM AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS IN ALL GRADES TO PURSUE MUSIC EDUCATION IN THE SUMMER AND LESSONS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR? THIS PAST YEAR WE AWARDED \$150 EACH TO 10 HANOVER KIDS!

FHM DONATES MONEY ANNUALLY TO THE MUSIC DEPARTMENTS OF CEDAR, CENTER/SYLVESTER, HMS AND HHS? THIS PAST YEAR WE DONATED \$9000 TO THE SCHOOLS WHICH GOES DIRECTLY TO THE MUSIC PROGRAMS TO PAY FOR EQUIPMENT, TRIPS, AND MUSIC EVENTS!

FHM 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? JOIN US IF YOU CARE ABOUT MUSIC IN THE HANOVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

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FHM-FRIENDS OF HANOVER MUSIC MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016-2017: \$20.00/YEAR

NAME OF CHILD: _____ GRADE AS OF SEPT 1: _____

SCHOOL: _____ BAND: _____ CHORUS: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ INSTRUMENT: _____

ADDRESS: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

*EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ *REQUIRED FOR NEWS AND UPDATES

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO **FHM** AND MAIL TO: MARJORIE MORRISON, 939 CIRCUIT ST, HANOVER, MA 02339

AMOUNT: \$ _____

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SCHOOL NOTES



HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTALS **Matt Harden, Director of Instrumental Music**

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching, and as always this is a time of celebration, reflection, and perhaps a bit of melancholy as we say our farewell to the outgoing senior class. This has been a tremendous year of growth in the instrumental program at HHS. We challenged ourselves to new opportunities and pushed ourselves to raise our level of performance higher each day. I am exceedingly proud of these students and the outstanding scholar-artists they have become.



1HHS Band and Incoming Freshmen at Graduation

Listening to the incoming freshman perform at graduation and the reception they received from the older students makes me so incredibly excited for the future of this program. Next year is going to be an incredible one for the bands.

As we announced at the annual awards banquet, our 2016-2017 field show is "DANCE!" and will include music from Tower of Power, Gloria Estefan, and Walk The Moon. The Pride of Hanover will be led on the field by a fantastic student leadership team and our drum majors Ben Goslin and Ava Whitney.

There will be an important night of meetings coming up on June 13th for all HHS band members in the Band Room.

6:15pm - Band Camp Informational Meeting (including volunteer and signup information)

6:30pm - 2017 Disney Trip Information Meeting

7:00pm - Friends of Hanover Music Membership Meeting

We hope to see everyone there!

Thank you to everyone who has supported music education in Hanover this year. I am blessed to work alongside such wonderful, talented students who will become future leaders of our community and country. None of what we do would be possible without supportive parents, administration, and the community. To our graduating seniors, we hope you will be "homeward bound" at some point soon to visit and enjoy a concert or field show. This will always be home.

Have a wonderful summer, and we will see you at Band Camp!

HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORAL MUSIC **John Schnelle, Director of Choral Music**

It's been an exciting end to the year for the HHS and HMS Choral Departments. Mid-May brought final concerts for both schools, each of which was a huge success. VOX auditions took place June 6th and 7th and yielded a strong group for next year. Looking back, it's been a hugely successful year for the Hanover Choral Department and I'm so glad to have had the chance to be involved. Have a great summer!

HANOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL INSTRUMENTALS

Julienne Thornell, Director

The Bands are wrapping up a great year, but they're not done yet! The 8th Grade Band has just performed at Lincoln Memorial on June 7, as part of the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. What an incredible setting! In addition to the Star Spangled Banner, they performed a few service songs and The Washington Post, a Sousa march. Next week, on June 14, the performing groups from 7th & 8th grade will be going to Six Flags New England. All the groups will perform in the park, and then have the chance to enjoy the rides.



8th Grade band performs at the Lincoln Memorial

We hope everyone keeps playing over the summer, and we look forward to next year! Visit the band website over the summer for updates and program information. <http://bandhms.weebly.com>

FOR CURRENT 4th GRADERS

In May, Hanover 4th graders were introduced to some of the band instruments they can learn to play at HMS next year.

Since middle school scheduling is set up differently, we are looking for preliminary sign-ups to make sure students get into an instrument group. The informational band letter was sent home, including answers to FAQ. If you did not receive a copy, please visit the HMS Band website, www.bandhms.weebly.com. **If you have read the informational letter and wish to have your child scheduled for an instrumental music class, please follow the link below to complete the online registration.** Thank you!

[CLICK HERE for HMS Beginning Instrument Registration](#)

HANOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL GENERAL MUSIC

John Schumacher, Director

Things are winding down at HMS. The bands, choruses and troupe have all performed their last major shows. The 7th and 8th grade bands, choruses and troupe will be going to 6 flags to perform on Tuesday, June 14th. Ms. Thornell and Mr. Schumacher are starting to work on preparations for the 2016/2017 performance schedule.

In HMS general music classes - all of the major projects have now been completed. The 6th graders finished their creative videos, the 7th graders have completed their original songs using garageband, and the 8th graders have completed their multi-media projects. All grades have just completed their final round of RhythmWrite. In the exploratory classes - the 5th graders are finishing their stage production projects, the 6th graders are completing their Broadway projects and the 8th graders are finishing their Motion projects.

See everyone in the fall!

CEDAR SCHOOL

Alex Shepherd, Music Director

Cedar is moving quickly towards the end of the school year. Our recorder concerts for 3rd grade will be on Thursday, June 9, and our 4th grade spring performance will take place at the 4th grade farewell ceremony on Thursday, June 16. A big thank you to the FHM fundraising efforts for helping us get new rhythm sticks and Orff instrument repair materials. Have a wonderful summer!

CENTER/SYLVESTER SCHOOL

Dustin Lindsey, Music Director

I hope that this newsletter finds you well, and that you are adjusting well to the warmer temps at the end of the school year. Hopefully by now you have had the opportunity to attend at least one, maybe more, concerts put on by the students in our schools. They have worked so hard this year, and it shows every day in the classroom. Coming out for a performance is a great way to see the fruits of all their labors on display. Now, here is a brief update on what's been going on at Center/Sylvester Elementary!

Our Kindergarten students have been singing a variety of echo songs, including "Down By the Bay," along with our daily welcoming song "Good Morning." We have been discussing rhyming words, and how we can incorporate them into our daily lives when we sing songs together.

The students in our First Grade recently presented two sold-out performances to honor our service men and women. The students learned about various symbols celebrating the United States of America, and learned a variety of patriotic and folk songs, which helped reinforce lessons they learned in their classrooms. We are currently working on composing ostinati based on popular rhymes from England and America. The students will begin rehearsing their ostinati in class this week and next, and will be helping me notate the compositions using a music writing program called Sibelius.



Photo Credit: Lauren Owens, Wicked Local



Drum Circle in Grade 2 Class

Our Second Grade students have been participating in drum circles over the past couple of weeks. Through this unit, we will continue exploring music from around the world, proper playing technique of a variety of West African-influenced percussion instruments, like the *Djembe* (pronounced jem-bay) and the *Tubano* (pronounced too-baw-no). They will be exploring these instruments, and accompanying rhythms through a variety of echo and call & response songs, as well as a variety of games aimed at increasing rhythmic dexterity.

Our Grade Three musicians have been continuing to

explore the recorder, and it's seemingly limitless performance possibilities. We are currently exploring the music of Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827), and have listened to a recording of the *Ode to Joy* from his *Symphony No. 9* for comparison.

Grade Four will have completed their final concert as elementary students by the time this reaches everyone, and I wanted to commend them on the hard work that they have put into making this another fantastic performance and school year. I have had the privilege of working with these students for three years, and it has been wonderful watching them grow as young musicians and as young citizens. Although the school year is not quite over, I think this is an appropriate time to say how proud I am of what they have done in their time here, and I cannot wait to see what they do as they move on to Hanover Middle School. Mrs. Thornell and Mr. Schumacher are in for a treat!!!

Thank you all for what you have done for the town of Hanover's music programs over the past school year, and the support you provide our students. What they are able to accomplish is a direct result of the support they are shown by their educators, their family and friends, their community, and by those that go the extra mile to ensure they receive opportunities to serve their community and their schools. A very special thank you to The Friends of Hanover Music for their dedication to advocating for our students, and our music programs. There is a lot of behind the scenes action that goes into making sure our students have an exceptional education in the Arts, and FHM has been a part of the process every step of the way. I hope you have a restful summer, and I cannot wait to see everyone in the coming school year!

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

MONDAY JUNE 13, 2016

7:00pm

IN THE HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL BAND ROOM

(Immediately following the HHS Band Camp info session at 6:15 and HHS Music Trip to Disney info session at 6:30!!)

And as always, thank you for your support!