

Noise . . .

...from the cheap seats

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From: the Past Prez

It certainly has been a year of change. This year we had new teachers for Chorus, Drama and Orchestra and we spent a lot of time learning how to work with each other! Our students have accomplished so much with four stage productions, a wide variety of great concerts, strong performances at MICCA, and the *Performer's Showcase* organized by Katrina Walker '07 at the beginning of June.

We kicked off the year with a Chorus picnic to introduce Debbie Smith to the parents of Chorus students. In October, CCPOPS held a successful fundraiser, *A Time to Shine* and organized an overnight theater trip to New York where students (and some parents) saw *The Light in the Piazza* and *The 25th*

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Outgoing CCPOPS president, Diane Payne, was honored at the CCPOPS Annual Meeting on June 6th, 2006 with flowers, thanks, and a surprise performance by members of the Select Chorus. Pictured above are (front, left to right) Madeline Velturo '07, Annalee Mulhall '07, Diane Payne, Campbell Payne '07, (back, left to right) Laura Henderson '06, Eric Stengrevics '07, Russell Peck '07, John Eldridge '07, Gene Delsener '06, David Jubinsky '06, Annie Jacoby '06, Maia Reed '07, and Rebecca Patterson '07. Following the well-attended final meeting of the year, all were treated to make-your-own ice cream sundaes in the courtyard. Thanks again to Diane for heading up a busy school year and for a job well done!

From: the Prez

Yesterday afternoon in the Upper Gym our family watched our son Gene and the rest of the Class of 2006 graduate from CCHS. It was a beautiful ceremony, and now that the company is gone, and my graduate is sound asleep (at 2:00pm) after a great All Night Live, I can start thinking about the plans for CCPOPS for next year.

I am very lucky that I had the opportunity to work with Diane Payne this year as she guided the organization through a year of transition with tremendous spirit and great warmth. Her knowledge of the workings of this school and her deep regard for the performing arts program made her the ideal CCPOPS president. This group will miss her terribly, but we are consoled by the fact that she has promised to continue to be an active participant in all things CCPOPS. Thank you Diane, for all you gave to Concord-Carlisle High School and CCPOPS.

I am thrilled that Margaret Franklin has agreed to be the vice president of CCPOPS for 2006-2007. Margaret is the mother of Noragh Devlin, CCHS Class of '09, and Maeve Devlin Class of '2018. That's right, Maeve is in kindergarten! *Barnum* fans will remember Noragh as the wonderful singer of "Black & White". Margaret and her husband, Paul, live in Carlisle, and were very active in CCPOPS this first year at the high school.

We are looking forward to another action-packed year of fine performances and opportunities for growth in the performing arts at CCHS. Please consider becoming involved in a small piece of the program this coming year. Look for meeting notices, order a pizza for the family, jump in the car, and join us. We have many volunteer opportunities in all aspects of the organization.

Recently, I had the good fortune to attend both nights of the Awards Ceremony at the high school. I was struck by the number of students involved in the performing arts accepting awards for academic excellence and community service. If these students, so committed to their course of studies, choose to take the time to play an instrument, act, dance, and sing; or take part in the tech experience behind the scenes, that decision to share their gifts should be encouraged and supported. Every student at CC deserves the community support. That's what CCPOPS does, and hope you will be part of the effort!

Please feel free to email me with any questions or comments you may have about any aspect of CCPOPS. If I don't know the answer, I'll try to put you in touch with someone who does.

Have a great summer! See you in the Fall.



Brenda Delsener, President, CCPOPS

Chorus News

Well, it has been quite a year! Transitions are never easy, for the students or the new teacher coming in. I was always pleased that each concert showcased the great strides we were making in terms of tone color, pitch, rhythmic accuracy, etc., areas that continued to improve as the students and I got more and more accustomed to working together. Concerts are a great forum for presenting the finished products of performing ensembles. What the audience doesn't see is what goes on behind the scenes. These students have made some dramatic improvements in their music literacy this year through a variety of methods that I have introduced. Music literacy may not sound very glamorous, but it is the foundation of a strong choral program. We ended the year on a very high note: The Women's Ensemble performing their fully choreographed "It Don't Mean a Thing", Mixed Chorus performing the "The Golden Age of Broadway", full of those wonderful American standards, and who can forget Select Choir rocking the house with their a cappella rendition of "Bohemian Rhapsody"? I was so proud of all of them!

Some of the other highlights this year include 7 students being accepted into Senior District Chorus: Nicole Guild '08, Annie Jacoby '06, Hazel Kiefer '08, Dylan Levers '06, Liz Oh '06, Campbell Payne '07, and Eric Stengrevics '07. Both Eric and Liz were invited to audition for the All-State Chorus. Eric was accepted into the All-State Chorus and had the privilege of performing at Symphony Hall. I have been told that Eric is the first All-State chorus kid from CC in several years! We also had one student, Amanda Peterson, accepted into the Junior District Chorus and hope to get more 9th graders to audition in the future.

All three choral ensembles attended the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association Choral Festival (MICCA) in March. Chorus and Women's Ensemble received Bronze medals and Select received a Silver. This event offers students the opportunity to hear critique and feedback from different conductors and is always a great learning tool for students and teacher alike.

Select Choir performed for special events throughout the year: *A Time to Shine*, the CCPOPS Fundraiser in the fall, as well as several Senior Citizen luncheons for different holidays. Both Select and Women's Ensemble performed a concert for the students of Thoreau Elementary School. The biggest and most publicized event was the Boston Gay Men's Chorus concert, a fundraiser for PFlag, for which members of Select Choir performed an opening set. It was a very moving experience being part of that special event, and we all felt it that afternoon.

I am really looking forward to next year, and expect the ensembles to be even stronger. Thanks to CCPOPS and students for the lovely flowers and a great first year! I hope everyone has a really great summer!

Deborah Smith, CCHS Choral Director

New York City Theater Trip

C CPOPS would like to organize the Fourth Annual New York City trip over Columbus Day weekend (October 7 and 8, 2006). **We need a firm commitment from 32 students before school is out before we can purchase any theater tickets!!**

As in the past, the trip would leave early Saturday morning by motor coach and return late Sunday evening. Students will see two shows and have time to explore museums and other NYC attractions. There will be room for 48 students and 7 faculty and parent chaperones will accompany them. In order to make plans to go forward with the trip **we need to get firm commitments from at least 32 students by mid-June.** The cost will depend on the number of students and the shows that are available—in the past it has been \$400 or less (bus, hotel, 2 shows, dinner Saturday, and breakfast Sunday). If your child would like to participate, **please send a check for \$100**, payable to **CCPOPS**. Mail it to: Prisl Dumka, PO Box 84, Carlisle MA 01741. If you have questions, please contact Brenda Delsener at president@ccpops.org

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Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee and also visited museums, shops and the Tisch School at NYU.

CCPOPS was very busy in November and December helping with the drama *Dracula* and the musical *Little Shop of Horrors*. We came back in January and started right in on the musical *Barnum*. This show gave lots of new students an opportunity to perform for the first time on the CCHS stage—it was particularly exciting to see the circus performers doing their stunts. CCPOPS raised a significant amount of money on the playbill ads thanks to the tireless efforts of Priscilla Sturges with a bit of help from some others. After all the color and spectacle, we were back to some more serious drama with the final production of the year, *Macbeth*.

It is impossible to individually thank the dozens of parents who helped with costumes, props, make-up, set construction, “feed the kids,” front of house, flowers, publicity, photography, videos, etc., etc. Without the combined efforts of so many, these productions would not have been of such high quality. I do want to single out the Costume Committee headed by Susan Yanofsky, Nancy Peck and Jennifer Jacoby for their countless hours and exceptional skills in making all the kids look just right for their roles. Sam Bird was incredibly helpful in building the sets for the shows and adapting our storage areas. John Brewer continued to take photos and videos for the shows and we appreciate the time and effort he has spent on the editing of this work. Prisl Dumka was a very efficient and helpful treasurer and we are lucky that she will continue in this role. Brenda Delsener and Susan Stengrevics also did an incredible job feeding a constant parade of hungry actors and techies during the shows.

CCPOPS has continued to outfit our chorus students in attractive concert attire thanks to Nancy Birchard and her committee. Plans are underway to expand the concert dress to include orchestra next year. We funded a new tech club for all of the students working behind the scenes under the able leadership of Mr. Ned Roos. We were able to provide some scholarship assistance for private lessons for instrumental students and additional group instruction for the Jazz “B” students. We refurbished and reorganized the storage areas for props, costumes and uniforms and donated additional racks and containers to help keep everything neat and accessible. We sponsored a costume workshop to help students and parents learn how a professional designer goes about planning the costumes, hair and makeup for a show. We also helped the students with the final arrangements for *Performer’s Showcase* including decorations and refreshments.

As we head in to next year CCPOPS plans to continue to support our performing arts students and provide additional opportunities for them to enhance their CCHS experience. I want to thank all of the board members who worked with me to get through this transitional year. I will continue to be involved and help out as needed. Brenda Delsener is our new president and I know that she will do a terrific job—I’m already looking forward to the Tag Sale in December!

Thanks to everyone who helped out this year—please come back for more fun (and chocolate!) as replacements are needed for volunteers who are “graduating” or moving on to other ventures. I’ve really enjoyed meeting so many great people and I look forward what the ‘06-’07 year will bring.

Diane

Greetings from a Friend

Hi Everyone,

It's Mr. Brown... remember me, I used to hang around the chorus room and the musicals... Well, this is not "Brown's Notes", but I thought I might take a little time and keep everyone up to date with the happenings in my life. There have been a lot of changes and I heard from a couple of people who had some information that was somewhat distorted. Here is the information right from the source.

Last summer, after I left CCHS, I hiked the Long Trail in Vermont. This is a 280 mile trail that goes from Canada to Massachusetts, along the high ridges of the Green Mountains in Vermont. I had an incredible experience and fell in love with Vermont. I hiked for three weeks... it was a life changing ordeal. I climbed Mt. Mansfield, Stowe, Killington, Jay Peak, and more. I met unique people and faced some self-defining challenges. If you ever have a chance to hike The Long Trail, I recommend it, but you need to be ready for hardship and enormous physical challenges.

I came away from my summer hike with the desire to live in Vermont someday. It is a beautiful part of the world. After the summer was over, I was ready to begin work at Natick. Working in Natick was great and I enjoyed the job and the staff that I worked with. In January I heard about a school in Vermont that was hiring a principal. The prospect of getting back to Vermont and leading a school was very appealing, so I applied for the position. To make a long story short, I am now the Principal of Oxbow High School in Bradford, VT. Bradford is located in the Upper Valley Region of Vermont along the Connecticut River and the New Hampshire border. Oxbow High School is a small 7-12 grade rural school that is going through a lot of changes. I have had the opportunity to visit this school a number of times; it looks like a great school and the faculty has been very supportive during the transition. (They also do a big musical every year, so it must be a good school.)

So, Patty and I bought a house on the top of a hill in West Newbury, VT. We move in when school is done. It is a big house on 4.5 acres of land that we would like to turn into a small orchard. There are amazing views from the bay window in the living room of the White Mountains in New Hampshire. It is a beautiful location. Moving from our small one bedroom apartment in Somerville to a three bedroom house in Vermont is a big change. As it turns out, it is good thing that we got those extra bedrooms because we are expecting a child in December. Yup, Mr. Brown is going to be a father. Poor kid! Patty and I are excited about being parents and having the lifestyle that allows us to give our child the time he or she will need to grow and develop. No word on whether it will be a boy or girl; we are hoping for healthy child and mother when the pregnancy is complete. So far Patty is dealing with all the first trimester stuff and doing great. Personally, I am amazed at the whole process. The due date is Christmas, 2006 and we couldn't be happier.

As you can see, this is an exciting time in my life. I look forward to applying my knowledge and my passions to a principal's position. I dream of what my school will look like and achieve in the future. I look forward to the challenges of being a change agent in this school and making it a great place for kids to learn. But most importantly, I will soon begin the awesome job of being a parent and raising a child. All of these are big changes that offer great hope and potential.

I really missed everyone this year. I miss singing and creating with all of you and I hope you had a good year. I have heard some positive things about the program and I am glad to see that the first year of the transition went as smoothly as it did. Keep singing!

That is my update: new job, new location and a family on the way. I will let everyone know when our child is born and how everything turns out. My new address is PO Box 116, West Newbury, VT 05085. I would love to hear from people and find out how you are doing. I hope everyone had a great year and that this update finds everyone happy and healthy.

Miss you all,
Chuck Brown

Orchestra News

I am pleased to report that the CCHS String Orchestra performed in 8 public concerts this year, showing marked improvement in their confidence and ensemble skills as the season progressed. Our work culminated in a "Pops" concert on June 1st in the CCHS cafeteria, in which the orchestra played more than one solid hour of professional-level repertoire, much of which was relatively new to them. Audience members repeatedly commented on the group's impressive sound and firm grasp of various musical styles.

In April, the orchestra was awarded a Silver medal for their performance in Lexington at the MICCA (Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association) Festival. It was a bittersweet success, as they missed the Gold medal by only one point.

I am excited about this group. In the beginning of year, many of the students tried to convince me that this group didn't and couldn't sound good enough to perform alone as a string orchestra. Nine months later, at Concord's "Spring String Fling", they performed the heart of their string orchestra repertoire with tremendous confidence and conviction, delivering a rich, beautiful sound which left audience members breathless and earned the orchestra a rapturous standing ovation!

Musically speaking, the orchestra has triumphed over every challenge that I've presented them. I am thrilled with the fine solo work which has occurred in

every section and am particularly grateful to violinist Kevin Donoghue for his commitment and leadership as our primary concertmaster. I greatly appreciate the hard work of each and every one of our members who have "pulled their own weight" in contributing significantly to this year's impressive performance results.

It was very difficult to say goodbye to our graduating seniors, who have added so much to our sound (the entire bass section, 2/3 of the viola section, and 1/4 of the cello section) and even more to our group's spirit. They are: Daniel Gerber, Eugene Han, Kathryn Ingegneri, David Jubinsky, Elizabeth Oh, Elizabeth Orr, and Julia Yelick. We already miss them and wish them all the very best!

I would like to especially thank Elizabeth Orr for her fabulous organizational leadership and for providing a superb foundation for our group sound as our only bass player. She, Julia Yelick, who provided invaluable assistance to me as orchestra librarian, and Elizabeth Oh, who kept my office from slipping into complete chaos, proposed, researched, and helped me plan an orchestra trip to New York City which would have taken place had it been planned more in advance to avoid scheduling conflicts. As a result of their hard work, such a trip could be easily accomplished in the future!

Looking ahead to next year, I am hoping to increase the percentage of my students who study their instruments privately. As most of the current orchestra

members will be returning, I am also hopeful that we will be able to begin next year close to the performance level that we have recently attained. In terms of programming, I plan to include some full orchestra literature during the 2nd and 4th quarters and to collaborate in a joint performance with the CCHS Chorus in a January performance of a major choral work. I would also like to devote significant time to one or more works of the classical period.

I expected a lot from the orchestra members this year, and their accomplishments exceeded my expectations in many ways. As it was a transitional year for the program, I will expect even more from them next year and can't begin to imagine what these students might accomplish if they return with the momentum, focus, and sense of purpose that they presently seem to have. I strongly recommend that all orchestra members play, study, and practice their instruments during the summer. It's a great time to leap ahead in one's individual playing!

Last but not least, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Arthur Dulong, the high school administration, my teaching colleagues, the orchestra parents, CCPOPS, and Concord's musical community for their unflagging support in a year which entailed far more work and greater rewards than I ever expected!

Scott Knopf, CCHS Orchestra Director

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There are still some open volunteer slots which we would like to fill this summer.

Some of the vacant positions are:

- Webmaster for the web site
- A team of parents to coordinate the front of house for the dramatic and musical productions
- A costume manager for the shows, this person will not be responsible for all the costumes for all the shows. We feel it is important to have a central figure to coordinate the volunteers, both students and parents.
- A publicity coordinator to centralize the distribution of posters, painting of signboards advertising the shows and concerts, and to make sure press releases are received by the local papers in a timely manner.

The person we really need is you. We don't know what we are missing without your participation. The talented young people involved in the performing arts at CCHS have wonderfully talented parents and we are so thankful that many parents give their time and energy to CCPOPS.

Don't be afraid, call us...

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Performing Arts Workshops

The CCPOPS calendar for 2006-2007 will include a series of workshops and excursions which we hope will be of interest to many CCHS students. The planning for this series is currently in the works.

If you are interested the performing arts, behind the scenes, or on the stage, or if you just like to watch them on television, we think you will find an opportunity to learn something, and have a great time.

Please look for a sign up sheet in the fall with a full listing of opportunities.

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News from the Band Room

The CCHS bands have concluded another outstanding year with a rush of activity... no rest for the weary! After a standing-room-only performance at the annual Pops Concert, the bands had four rehearsals to prepare for Graduation. Dodging several logistical bullets, the bands squeezed into the hot, crowded upper gym and sent this year's seniors off to the next step of their lives with great pomp and dignity. But once again, no rest for the weary!

The bands moved immediately into preparation for this weekend's retirement concert for Tom O'Halloran. On Saturday, June 17th, Carlisle band alumni convened for an early morning rehearsal on the extended CCHS auditorium stage (Thank you CCHS Techies, Thank you Sam Bird... BRAVO!) and prepared for the evening's concert. After a gargantuan, epicurean feast in the cafeteria, the 110-member alumni band and the 85-member Carlisle Senior Band combined for an evening of wonderful music to thank Tom for his many years of service to the schools and his never ending expectation of achieving excellence.

Have a great summer, everyone, and please check the CCPOPS website for next year's CCHS Bands Calendar.

Thank you,
Al Dentino, CCHS Band Director

Performance DVDs

DVDs of *Dracula*, *Little Shop of Horrors*
and *Macbeth*
are all now available at \$25 each.

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COMING IN THE FALL ON DVD:

BARNUM

Drama News

The 05-06 Season in Review

*Whereof what's past is prologue, what to come
In yours and my discharge.*

The Tempest, William Shakespeare

Looking back over the past ten months, the students of CCHS created great moments and compelling performances. I would like to thank them for the privilege of being their guide—it was a very special experience for me. The curiosities of "the Fall of Horror" with *Dracula* and *Little Shop of Horrors* were only the beginning. The schedules were very tight, yet the end products were of high quality. We "joined the circus" in March with *Barnum*, where we actually allowed students to hang from the rafters of the school. Can it get better than that? Hopefully, it did with *Macbeth*, where fight choreography with real stage weapons, blood in 'curious' blood bags, and a new stage that put the action almost into the audience gave us all yet another unique stage experience. Throughout the year, I was pleased to see actors from all four classes on stage for their first show,

especially seniors! The tech students were amazing, from the highly capable build and running crews to the extremely artistic work of the lighting and sound goddesses and gods. Of course, the hard work and love from the parents, especially CCPOPS, makes this journey not only better, but much easier (we couldn't do it without you!!!) From the outside, we can't forget our very supportive community that provided excellent and appreciative audiences for our work. Huzzahs to all!!

But what about yours truly? It was a very challenging year for me, schedule-wise, being at the school on a part-time basis. I do look forward to next year, where we'll be producing three shows: November 17-19, March 2-4 & 9-11, and June 15-17. I've been asked many times about which shows we'll be doing... but that's something I'll work on as my summer reading project. Whatever the choice, I feel our students should continue to have the opportunity to push themselves artistically, for that is where they will grow the most.

Enjoy the summer. Relax, recharge, and ruminate!

George Kendall, CCHS Theatre Teacher

ALUMNI NEWS - twins addition!

Mike Lazar '02 has very exciting news! The day after his graduation from the Tisch School at NYU, he learned after four callbacks that he was cast in the Equity national tour of *Seussical the Musical*. He will get his Equity card, begin rehearsals in September, and kick off performances October 13th! He is thrilled that he has his first serious professional job and was fortunate enough to land a national tour. In Mike's words, "Yahoo!!! I'm counting my lucky stars."

Becky Broadwin '04 who played in the CCHS Orchestra is a rising junior at Union College in Schenectady, NY. Becky has not played her viola since the last concert at CCHS but continues to run—she is on the Cross Country team at Union. Becky is a History major and was accepted into a cross-cultural studies in Vietnam for the Fall term this coming year. Also at Union she is a member of their education council which helps the College set curriculum, and a member of the student government.

Megan Broadwin '04, also a violist in the CCHS Orchestra, is pursuing a dual degree program at Washington University in St. Louis which will allow her to graduate with both a BA and MA in History, with a French minor in addition. She joined the Delta Gamma sorority, and serves as a Peer Advisor for the University. Megan has continued private viola lessons and plays in the Wash U orchestra. She will go to France for a Junior Semester abroad in the Spring semester this coming year.

Once again, we'd like to thank everyone who sent us news of CCHS alumni. This has turned into a popular column so keep the news coming! Please forward information to MJDivino (mjd205@mac.com) or Lucy Miller (rmiller@mit.edu).

David Ballard '03 has recently completed his junior year at Emerson College, where he is majoring in Acting, with an emphasis on Musical Theater. In late April he played leading roles in two one-act Georges Feydeau farces with the Adams House Drama Society at Harvard University. This summer he is participating in two different theater programs in New York City. The American Theater Wing runs the first, "Springboard NYC," an intensive program designed to help theater students make the transition from college to careers in New York. Taught by industry professionals, it includes audition training, helps students develop contacts with directors, producers, casting agents, and managers, and teaches hands-on skills for surviving in the world of New York theater. David will also attend a comprehensive five-week musical theater workshop produced by a collaboration of the York Theater and Marymount Manhattan College.

Kevin Ballard '03, David's twin brother, who worked Tech, played in the pit orchestra, and even appeared onstage once while at CCHS, is currently taking a break from studying computer science at Worcester Polytech, and is working as a student intern at Yahoo! in Sunnyvale, CA, until the end of the summer.

Valerie Schmidt '02 and **Irene Schmidt '02** both graduated from Kenyon College on May 20, 2006. Valerie received her degree in Psychology, and Irene graduated cum laude with a double degree in Anthropology and Psychology. Valerie got a leadership award for her participation in the Kenyon Ball Room Dance Club, where she was competition coordinator, while Irene was a member of the Chamber Singers, the major singing ensemble on campus. Both alumnae are back in the Boston area. Valerie is sharing an apartment with **Carolyn Barnes '02** in Boston for the summer, looking for a job while applying to the Peace Corps, and for fun is thinking of joining the MIT Ballroom Dance Team which allows non-students to participate. Irene hopes to find an apartment in Cambridge/Boston while she assesses her options, and hopes to do some traveling.

Polly Sturges '04 has just completed her sophomore year at Wheaton College in Norton, MA. Polly is majoring in Psychology and has been working at the campus pre-school and the library. She served this year as the co-chair of the Commencement-Reunion committee. This summer she has returned to Concord to work for her fourth summer at the Concord Children's Center. Polly continues to enjoy attending A cappella and theater productions in Boston and Providence.

2006-2007 CALENDAR DATES

For Band, Chorus, Drama & CCPOPS

(this is a preliminary & incomplete listing and subject to change)

September

- 7 First Day of School
- 12 Pep Band Rehearsal (7:00PM-9:00)
- 18 Innisbrook Sale Begins
- 22 Chorus BBQ 5:00pm

October

- 3-6 Senior District Pre-Auditions
- 6 Pep Band, Football vs. Newton South, 5:30pm-9:30
- 7-8 CCPOPS New York City Theater Trip
- 11 Choir Risers set up in Auditorium and remain up until 10/18
- 15 Pep Band at Crop Walk, 1:00pm-3:00
- 16-20 Concert Band Auditions
- 17 Chorus Dress Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30pm, CCHS Auditorium
- 18 Chorus Concert 7:30pm, CCHS Auditorium (Call: 6:30pm)
- 20 Pep Band, Football vs. Boston Latin, 5:30pm-9:30
- 23-27 Repertory Band Auditions
- 27 Pep Band, Football vs. Westford Academy, 5:50pm-9:30
- 31 CCHS Bands Concert, 7:30pm, CCHS Auditorium

November

- 3 Pep Band, Football vs. Lincoln-Sudbury, 5:30pm-9:30
- 10 Pep Band, Football @ Acton-Boxborough, 5:30pm-9:30
- 11 Veterans' Day Trumpeters
- 18 Senior District Auditions, time and location TBA
- 17-19 Fall Play
- 23 Pep Band, Football @ Bedford, 8:00am-1:00pm

December

- 6-10 Concert Band Auditions
- 9 CCPOPS Tag Sale, CCHS Cafeteria
- 13-17 Repertory Band Auditions
- 7 Pit Orchestra Rehearsal, 6:30pm-9:00
- 14 Pit Orchestra Rehearsal, 6:30pm-9:00
- 21 CCHS Bands Holiday Concert 7:30pm, CCHS Auditorium

January

- 3 MMEA Senior District Rehearsal location TBA, 3:00-9:00pm (approximate)
- 3 Choir Risers set up in Auditorium and remain up until 1/19
- 4 Pit Orchestra Rehearsal, 6:30pm-9:00
- 5 MMEA Senior District Rehearsal location TBA, 3:00-9:00pm (approximate)
- 7 MMEA Senior District Rehearsal and Concert 7:30am-4:00pm
- 11 Pit Orchestra Rehearsal, 6:30pm-9:00
- 10 Chorus and Orchestra Dress Rehearsal #1 6:00-8:30pm, CCHS Auditorium
- 17 Chorus and Orchestra Dress Rehearsal #2 6:00-8:30pm, CCHS Auditorium
- 18 Pit Orchestra Rehearsal, 6:30pm-9:00
- 18 Chorus and Orchestra Concert 7:30pm, CCHS Auditorium (Call: 6:30pm)
- 20 MMEA Jr. District Auditions (location and assigned time TBA)
- 27 MMEA All-State Auditions (location and time TBA)

February

- 1 Pit Orchestra Rehearsal, 6:30pm-9:00
8 Pit Orchestra Rehearsal, 6:30pm-9:00
15 Pit Orchestra Rehearsal, 6:30pm-9:00
20-23 Pit Orchestra Rehearsal, 9:00pm-5:00
26 Musical Dress Rehearsal, 3:00pm-7:00
27 Musical Dress Rehearsal, 3:00pm-7:00
28 Musical Open Dress Rehearsal, 4:00pm-8:00

March

- 2 Musical Opening Night, 7:30, CCHS Auditorium
3 Musical Performance, 7:30pm, CCHS Auditorium
4 Musical Matinee, 2:30pm, CCHS Auditorium
5-9 Concert Band Auditions
7 Musical Touch-Up Rehearsal, 3:00pm-7:00
9 Musical Performance, 7:30pm, CCHS Auditorium
10 Musical Performance, 7:30pm, CCHS Auditorium
11 Musical Matinee, 2:30pm, CCHS Auditorium
11 Musical Set Strike
12-16 Repertory Band Auditions
14 MMEA Senior District Rehearsal
location TBA, 3:00-9:00pm (approximate)
15 MMEA Senior District Rehearsal
location TBA, 3:00-9:00pm (approximate)
17 MMEA Senior District Rehearsal and Concert
location TBA, 8:00AM-5:00pm (approximate)
19 Choir Risers set up in Auditorium
and remain up until 3/28
20 CCHS Bands Concert, 7:30pm, CCHS Auditorium
22-24 MMEA All-State Festival and
In-Service Conference, Boston Park Plaza
26 CCHS Chorus Dress Rehearsal
6:30-8:30pm, CCHS Auditorium
27 CCHS Chorus Concert
7:30pm, CCHS Auditorium (Call: 6:30pm)
30 MICCA Concert and Choral Festival
(assigned date and time TBA)
31 MICCA Concert and Choral Festival continued
(assigned date and time TBA)

April

- 1 MICCA Concert and Choral Festival continued
(assigned date and time TBA)
1 Likely CCHS Concert Band Performance
6 Concert Band Rehearsal, 9:00am-3:00pm
6 Possible Band Passport and Medication Collection Day
6 Possible Band Instrument Packing Day
7 Possible Concert Band Rehearsal
7 Possible Band Instrument Shipping Day
9-20 CCHS Concert Band Trip to Japan
21 MICCA "Stars at Symphony" Symphony Hall,
Boston (Gold medalists)
29 MICCA "Stars at Symphony"
Mechanics Hall, Worcester (Gold medalists)

May

- 11-12 Showcase Festival/Music in the Parks
Chorus Performance Field Trip
12 MICCA Solo and Ensemble Festival
all day, no evening, at CCHS
19 MICCA Solo and Ensemble Festival Honors
Concert
23 Choir Risers set up in Auditorium
and remain up until 6/1
28 Memorial Day Trumpeters
30 CCHS Chorus Dress Rehearsal
6:30-8:30pm, CCHS Auditorium
31 CCHS Chorus "Pops Concert"
7:30pm, CCHS Auditorium (Call: 6:30pm)

June

- 1 CCHS Bands "Pops" Concert
7:30pm, CCHS Cafeteria
9 CCHS Graduation
15-17 Spring Play