MUSIC PRODUCTION
Members of the high school's Music Production class work hard on their projects!

Whitcomb Spirit Day!
The Whitcomb Middle School Music Staff shows their spirit on "Look-Alike" Day

Central Districts
Samantha Gamber (Chorus), David Matevosian (Band), Gabe Pimental (Band), Pedro Bassetti (Chorus), and Sarah McKinnon (Chorus) had successful auditions and will represent MHS at Central Districts this year!
GETTING TO KNOW THE MARLBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS MUSIC STAFF

The Music Educators in the Marlborough Public Schools are passionate and dedicated to both their craft and students. Here is a little bit of what drives them day to day.

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How long have you been working for the Marlborough Public Schools? 31 years
Why music?
Music has been a part of life ever since I could remember, so it was a natural step to share my love for music with others.
Favorite musical group or album?
No particular favorite.
Favorite movie or TV show?
This is US!
Quote that shares your philosophy?
“Be the Change You Wish to See in the World” Gandhi

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How long have you been working for the Marlborough Public Schools? 26 years
Why music?
My music teachers had a huge impact on my life
Favorite musical group or album?
Canadian Brass
Favorite movie or TV show?
Movie: The Godfather Part 2
TV Show: M*A*S*H
Quote that shares your philosophy?
“Do things for people. Not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are.”
ABOUT MR. CICERONE

How long have you been working for the Marlborough Public Schools? 20 years
Why music? I always loved band and chorus and it was the one place I really felt comfortable
Favorite musical group or album? U2, Queen, Rolling Stones
Favorite movie or tv show? The Office
Quote that shares your philosophy? “The best classroom to learn from is the one that you teach in.”

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ABOUT MRS. MCNULTY

How long have you been working for the Marlborough Public Schools? 12 years
Why music? There was no other path for me—it really feels like I was born to do music in some capacity!
Favorite musical group or album? Hanson and Metric
Favorite movie or TV show? Movie: High Fidelity  
TV Show: The West Wing
Quote that shares your philosophy? “To live a creative life, we must lose our fear of being wrong.”
- Joseph Chilton Pearce

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ABOUT MS. SOBOLESKI

How long have you been working for the Marlborough Public Schools?
5 years

Why music?
I have been singing since I could talk - I haven't stopped since!

Favorite musical group or album?
The Beatles

Favorite movie or TV show?
Harry Potter (the books)

Quote that shares your philosophy?
"Aut inveniam viam aut faciam - I will find a way or make one."

ABOUT MRS. MACDONALD

How long have you been working for the Marlborough Public Schools?
5 years

Why music?
When I realized that this hobby that I used literally all the time could be a job, it was a no brainer.

Favorite musical group or album?
None

Favorite movie or TV show?
Movie: When Harry Met Sally

Quote that shares your philosophy?
“Never lose hope. Storms make you stronger and they never last forever.”
ABOUT MS. PETTENGILL

How long have you been working for the Marlborough Public Schools?
4 years

Why music?
My middle school choral director, Mrs. Patty Anderson, was an amazingly talented, passionate educator who helped me channel my love for music into my life and career.

Favorite musical group or album?
80's Pop

Favorite movie or TV show?
The Great British Baking Show

Quote that shares your philosophy?
Ever tried, ever failed. No matter. Try again. Fail again. Fail better” - Samuel Beckett

ABOUT MRS. CROCKWELL

How long have you been working for the Marlborough Public Schools?
3 years

Why music?
My high school and college music teachers were the main reason I went into music education.

Favorite musical group or album?
Pop, classical, alternative, show tunes, rock, 80's

Favorite movie or TV show?
Movie: Star Wars Trilogy

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How long have you been working for the Marlborough Public Schools?
3 years

Why music?
I admired my high school band director.

Favorite musical group or album?
Saint Motel

Favorite movie or TV show?
Amelie

Quote that shares your philosophy?
"Whatever you are, be a good one."

ABOUT MS. HART

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How long have you been working for the Marlborough Public Schools?
2 years

Why music?
I want to share the joy of music making with my students.

Favorite musical group or album?
Taylor Swift

Favorite movie or TV show?
All the Harry Potter movies

Quote that shares your philosophy?
“It is our choice that show what we are truly are, far more that our abilities” - Albus Dumbledore
ABOUT MR. VERDONE

How long have you been working for the Marlborough Public Schools?
2 years (11 total years of teaching)

Why music?
My experience with my high school and college band directors

Favorite musical group or album?
Ben Folds, EWF, Stan Kenton, Wayne Bergeron

Favorite movie or TV show?
Movie: Shawshank Redemption
TV: The Walking Dead and The Office

Quote that shares your philosophy?
"Being in the band is the best thing you can do, and don't let anyone tell you any differently" - George N. Parks

ABOUT MR. LAPETE

How long have you been working for the Marlborough Public Schools?
Just since October (12 total years of teaching)

Why music?
I've wanted to be a band director since I was 12 years old! I had an amazing middle school band director who inspired me.

Favorite musical group or album?
Joni Mitchell and Lizzo

Favorite movie or TV show?
It's a Wonderful Life

Quote that shares your philosophy?
“Never deprive someone of hope, it may be all they have”
"Band is a place where you always have a chance to get better!"

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What is the Marlborough Public Schools Music Association?

The Marlborough Public Schools (MPS) Music Association is a non-profit formed specifically to support music students in the Marlborough Public Schools. The members include parents/guardians of the music students, the students, music teachers & community members.

The Association provides seven yearly scholarships & awards to graduating Seniors & supplements the schools’ music budgets by purchasing needed unfunded items, i.e., instruments, portable sound equipment, performance attire, storage cages, to name a few.

The Association also provides chaperones on buses, parades, concessions both football and concerts, & Music Festivals (competitions) - wherever help is needed.

Volunteers are the backbone of the organization. The association’s major fund raising events to build its General Fund require many volunteers who donate a few hours out of their busy schedule. The events include holiday gift wrapping at the Solomon Pond Mall, coat check and various concessions. Our volunteers work hard and have fun while helping. With the efforts of our volunteers over the years, we have been able to provide over one hundred thousand dollars to the music program that benefit all our music students. Your help is needed to help continue our mission!

For more information, pictures and videos, please visit our website at mpsmusic.org
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Holiday Gift Wrap**

The largest annual fundraiser for the Marlborough Public Schools Music Association – the HOLIDAY GIFT WRAP – begins on Saturday December 7th at noon and continues to Tuesday December 24th at 6:00 pm. We need volunteers to gift wrap for two-hour slots during the season schedule:

- Sat. & Sun. 12/7 & 12/8, NOON to 5:00 PM
- Mon.-Wed. 12/9-12/11, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Thurs. & Fri. 12/12 & 12/13, 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Sat. & Sun. 12/14 & 12/15, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Mon.—Wed. 12/16 - 12/18, 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM
- Thurs.—Mon. 12/19 - 12/23, 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM
- Tues. 12/24, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Volunteers need to be confident in their gift-wrapping skills and enjoy visiting with the customers. Sign up yourself or sign up with a friend. The gift wrap booth is located at Solomon Pond Mall on the second floor outside of the JC Penney store.

To volunteer, email Marlene Manell at mrmanell@gmail.com

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**DON’T WRAP? NEED HELP? WE CAN HELP YOU**

The MPSMA Gift Wrap Booth is here for you!

**Bring your stack of presents to the Gift Wrap Booth & let us wrap your presents!**

For a nominal donation of $2 for a small up to $10 for an extra-large size, we provide a brilliant selection of gift wrap, box, tissue and a bow. Our team of volunteers will make what is sometimes an overwhelming task into an enjoyable experience. The proceeds from the Gift Wrap Booth benefit the general fund of the Music Association which is used to fund scholarships, supply uniforms and performance attire, assist in instrument purchase and repair, the annual awards banquet, and many other endeavors.

Please invite your family and friends to take advantage of this holiday service. Customers can either wait while we wrap their gifts or they can go off to shop or rest at a mall restaurant. Whether purchased at the mall, purchased on-line or hand-made, we have an array of wrapping materials to enhance your gifts.

The Gift Wrap Booth is located at the Solomon Pond Mall on the second floor outside of J.C. Penney.

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