

Lyman Memorial High School Music Department NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back!

Welcome back for another exciting year! Below you'll see important dates for the year, what's going on in class and more! I am looking forward to an amazing year with everyone and hope you all are too!

About Miss Ricard

Miss Ricard graduated from The Hartt School of Music in 2020. This is her third year as the music teacher at Lyman. She completed her student teaching in Lebanon in March of 2020 and also was the long term substitute in Spring 2021. At Lyman this year she is teaching Chorus, Band, Music Technology (fall semester) and Musical Theatre (spring semester). She also runs multiple extracurriculars including Contemporary Ensemble, Tri-M and the musical!

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns! I am always available through email primarily as well as school phone.

Feel free to also check out our music department website which is always updated with new information!

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The Lyman Memorial Music Instagram account is also a great way to stay updated on what's going on in the department!



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Class Updates

Band

Band is getting ready for the Winter Concert and has four pieces of music that they are looking at! It's a mixture of jazz band and flex band music. Current and past teachers at Lyman will also be playing with us! They also have started to look at Christmas carols for the Tree Lighting and talk about what they might want to perform at Evening with the Arts!

Chorus

Chorus has also picked music for the Winter Concert and will be performing three songs! Madame Molly Lathrop will be accompanying them on piano. They have also started to look at Christmas carols for the Tree Lighting and have picked their combined piece for Evening with the Arts!

Music Technology

Students in Music Technology have learned the basics of Apple computers, and the free program that comes with those, garageband! They have completed four projects so far including creating their own ringtone, a sound effects project, a beatboxing project and a percussion project. Through the semester, the students will continue to explore garageband and also use iMovie getting to do projects such as creating their own track for a short film, creating their own 3 minute song, and more!

New York City Field Trip

The music and drama departments are going to New York City on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 to see the Broadway Musical Wicked! Students in band, choir, contemporary ensemble, the fall play, or who plan on auditioning for the musical can attend and have received all the information! The deadline to attend is THIS Thursday, November 9th and the deposit and permission slip must be turned in. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions! I am SO excited for this trip!

Music Department Events

Lyman Memorial Drama Company Presents *The Play That Goes Wrong*

- THIS Friday, November 10th and Saturday, November 11th at 7:00 pm
- Tickets are available for purchase in the main office or at the door

Charter Oak Music Festival

- Congratulations to the following students who are attending the Charter Oak Music Festival this week.
 - Genevieve Gardella (band)
 - Luke Spellman (band)
 - Hailey Litwin (choir)
 - Ryan Spellman (band)
 - Sadie Seagrave (choir)
- After two days of rehearsal, both the band and the choir will both perform 4 rigorous pieces for a concert this Wednesday at Middletown High School with seven surrounding schools.
- I have had the honor to co-chair for Concert Band this year and it has been such a joy to see how hard these students work and their passion for music.

Eastern Regionals

- Auditions are in person this year on Saturday, November 18
- Shout out to junior Rowan LaFleur, junior Hannah Gonzalez and senior Alexis Zimnoch who will be auditioning!

Lebanon Christmas Tree Lighting

- Sunday, December 3rd
- Band and Chorus will be performing carols during the event with LMS
- More information is coming soon!

Winter Band and Chorus Concert

- Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 pm
- Performances from band, choir and contemporary ensemble

Other Important Dates

- Evening with the Arts - Wednesday, February 28 at 6:00 pm
- Spring Band Concert - Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 pm
- Pops Chorus Concert - Thursday, May 30 at 7:00 pm

Contemporary Ensemble

Contemporary Ensemble is back with a new group who have already started meeting! They are a student-led pop/rock group that performs at multiple concerts and occasions throughout the year. History teacher Mr Collins will also be playing guitar with them this year! They performed Ex's and Oh's by Elle King at our Pep Rally a few weeks ago and will be performing at Homecoming on November 18th. Their schedule right now is primarily during PAWS once a week with after school or evening rehearsals when necessary.

Band Members:

Vocals: Senior Abby Hundley and Junior Rowan LaFleur

Guitar: Teacher Mr Collins

Piano: Senior Genevieve Gardella

Bass guitar: Junior Trent Goins

Drums: Junior Holden LeMay

Tri-M Music Honor Society

Tri-M has already had their first two meetings and will be inducting 3 new members. Congratulations to our 2023-2024 class officers and those being inducted this year who are listed below. Tri-M has already started to plan events and activities for this year including Evening with the Arts, the weekend of The Little Mermaid, and more! A new date for the Induction Ceremony will be scheduled soon.

2023-2024 Officers:

President: Sadie Seagrave

Vice President: Loretta
Svedarsky

Secretary: Taylor Ruitto

Treasurer: Ryan Spellman

Current Members:

Mimi Curtis

Hannah Gonzalez

Rowan LaFleur

Hailey Litwin

Amelia Wentworth

Alexis Zimnoch

New Members:

Mack Booth

Genevieve Gardella

Nora Rodgers

**LYMAN MEMORIAL DRAMA COMPANY
PRESENTS:**



Auditions: Thursday, November 16 and Friday, November 17 after school

Callbacks: Monday, November 20

First Read Through: Wednesday, November 22 from 12:00-3:00 pm

SHOW DATES:

Friday, March 8 at 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 9 at 4:00 pm

Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 pm

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, ideas, anything! I am really looking forward to this year with the students and making music while we continue to grow the music department and perform!