



SPRING '24 NEWSLETTER

Essex Elementary School
Manchester Memorial Elementary
Manchester Essex Regional Middle School
Manchester Essex Regional High School

Promote

Performing Arts events and programs in MERSD

Fund

Performing Arts programs and experiences for MERSD students

Advocate for

robust Performing Arts programs and learning K-12 in MERSD

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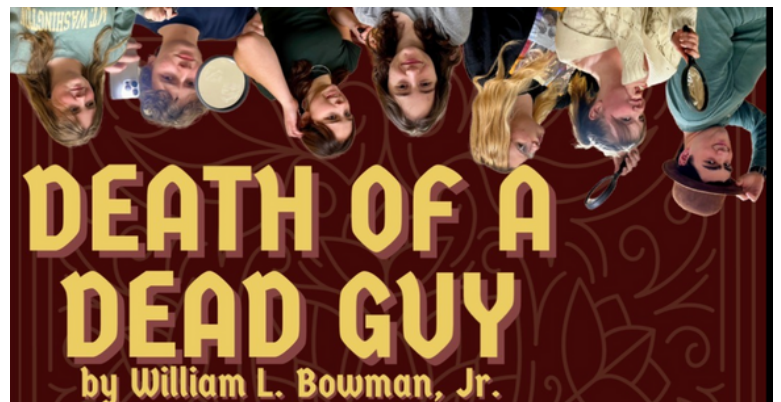
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No Arts Coordinator for '24-'25

Next year's school district budget still does not provide for a Fine/Performing Arts Coordinator in the district. We need to keep this at the forefront of discussions as this is an important step in the development of the overall Arts experience for our students, their families, and the entire community. Please let the School Committee know your opinion!

MERHS to Participate in DRAMAFEST!

Over a dozen high school students, under the direction of MMES teacher Tyler Garofalo, will be performing William L. Bowman, Jr.'s DEATH OF A DEAD GUY in the preliminary round of the Massachusetts Educational Theatre Guild's annual Drama Festival competition at 10:00 am on Saturday, March 2nd, at St. John's Prep. The cast and crew welcome everyone to attend their open rehearsals at MERHS on Thursday, February 29th, at 6:00 pm and on Friday, March 1st, at 4:00 pm. BREAK A LEG!!



MERHS's Music Honors Society is hosting a talent show on March 7th that is open to all students and staff from the middle school and high school and all members of the greater community! Ever feel the need to perform? THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!

To sign up to perform, use the QR code above, or this link: [Talent Show Sign Up](#)

Proceeds to benefit the Music Department's trip to New York City in May

Upcoming Events

February 29th and March 1st

Death of a Dead Guy Open Rehearsals

March 2nd

Death of a Dead Guy Drama Festival
Preliminary Round at St. John's Prep

March 7th

MHS Talent Show

March 14th

MERMS/MERHS *Evening of Jazz*

April 4th

MERHS *Spring Concert*

May 2nd

MERHS *A Capella Night*

May 9th

MERMS *Spring Concert*

May 16th

EES/MMES *Spring Concert*

All events at MERHS, unless otherwise noted.

MERHS Auditorium Sound

FoMEPA has arranged for Rosati Acoustics + Multimedia to perform a "Sound Diagnostic" of the auditorium at the high school. Our hope is to improve the auditory experience in the venue for the performers, technicians, and audience members. Pending MERSD Board approval, FoMEPA will cover the cost of the diagnostic process. However, in order to make potential improvements, more funds will be needed. Please stay tuned for fundraising opportunities!



Do you have your shirt yet?

Stop at one of our tables at an event to get one!

We could use your help!

Please email vpfomepa@gmail.com if you have an interest in helping with grant writing, social media, special events, running concessions at concerts, or communications.

Donate to FoMEPA!

Donations are tax-deductible and go to supporting our continued work to promote, fund, and advocate for Performing Arts in the Manchester Essex Regional School District.

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