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Dear Mount Greylock Families and Friends:

Over the past two years, Mount Greylock has altered and adjusted traditional practices and norms to preserve the integrity of our arts programming and maintain the benefits it provides our students.

The community and school remained committed to offering arts programming while often having to think differently about how teaching and learning took place.

The music program culminated the 2020–21 school year with an outdoor spring concert. This performance highlighted the hard work, determination, and talent of our student body, with the participation of a sizable group of students in our new jazz band. Weekly rehearsals demonstrated student learning, comprehension of basic improvisation, and an ability to read in a new style. GreylockPlays, a 25-minute concert at the start of school, remained an effective way for our ensembles to share their love of music with the wider school community.

All middle school students received a full year of electives, including those taught by our performing arts teachers. Individual lessons and small ensembles were integrated throughout the year as supplemental instruction.

A variety of visual arts and media courses for students provided an outlet for students to express themselves and explore new ideas. Student work in drawing, painting, ceramics, stained glass, and photography remained on display throughout the first floor. In addition to traditional mediums and materials, alternative materials, equipment, and tools were prepared, organized, and packaged for movement to students' home studios (whether *studio* meant a kitchen table, living room rug, bed, or basement). Individual cell phones took the place of our professional Canon cameras in photography and video editing courses.

The entire Mount Greylock community remains grateful and inspired by the perseverance and compassion of the greater communities in which we live. Thank you for your continued support of the performing and visual arts at Mount Greylock. We look forward to seeing you at many of this year's performances outside of and — finally — in the building.

Kind regards,


Jacob N. Schutz
Principal, MGRS



The Greylock Way — Integrity, Responsibility, Perseverance



Friends of the Arts helps fund and support arts engagement at Mount Greylock, such as:

- Advocacy and support for arts in and out of the curriculum
- Special supplies, workshops, or field trips
- Front-of-house and tech week assistance for shows
- Production of playbills with Senior Spotlights
- All-school talent show and summer scholarship (upcoming)
- And so much more! Learn more at our monthly online meetings.

Find us on Facebook! Contact us at foatmountgreylock@gmail.com!



Zoe Armet

Visual Arts

Throughout the years, art at Greylock has been a highlight of my day every year where I can create freely. I am thankful for the amazing art teachers who have enabled me to grow as an artist!

Jonah Hane

Theater · Chorus

The first time I ever got on stage, I was scared and excited out of my mind. It was unfamiliar and wholly scary to me, but there was something that was exciting — exciting enough that I continued to come back year after year. While that fear is gone, now the excitement still remains. I've learned that acting requires more bravery and patience than anything else, and I've come to appreciate it as a learning experience in being bold. I would like to thank not just Greylock but everybody who has helped me find my voice in theater, singing, and performing. It's because of them that I've learned what it means to be brave.



Catherine McAllister

Band

Thank you so much to Mr. Moors and Mrs. Vinette for working with me through my time at Mount Greylock and helping me to develop into a better musician.



Eleanor McPartland

Theater

Being able to be involved in Fall Fest has been really special to me. Everyone has worked so hard, and our directors have been amazing in helping create such great shows.

Jesse Tague

Orchestra

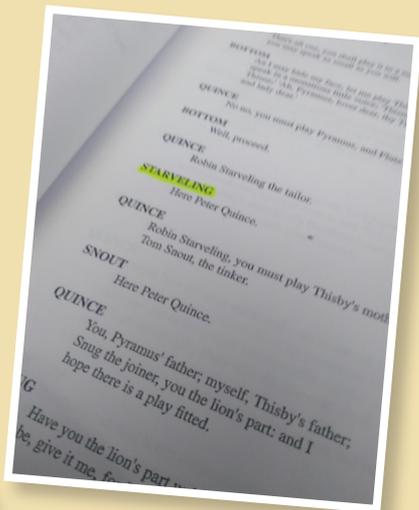
I'd like to thank all my teachers throughout my Mount Greylock career for putting up with me and pushing me to truly love music!



Lauren Voorhies

Theater

I remember in my ninth grade year, we were doing *Henry V* for Shakespeare. I was the servant boy, and everyone in my Shakespeare group was talking about it. I loved how my directors called me “Boy.” I felt like the QUEEN of the world.



Anthony Welch

Band

“You know what music is? God’s little reminder that there’s something else besides us in this universe; harmonic connection between all living beings, everywhere, even the stars.”

—Robin Williams

Malina Woodbury

Theater

Thank you, Shakespeare & Company, for all of the amazing memories of Fall Festival!!

“Though she be but little she is fierce”

—William Shakespeare





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Fall Fest

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Middle School Band



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Briana Dowling

Theater · Band

I've played the clarinet since I was in fourth grade, and being able to play the instrument as part of a band has been such a large portion of my life. I'll never forget the amount of squeaks I played and the wrong notes I've blasted through the instrument to get to the point where I am today as a clarinetist. Being able to play music has been so much fun, and without being a part of the MG band, I would never be where I am now at my skill level. Music is one of my callings, and I will never forget the role that the MG band had in my love for the clarinet. I also participated in the musical from seventh grade through my junior year, and I will forever and always keep my memories of tripping over my own two feet while trying to learn dance steps during choreographing.



Michael Faulkner

Orchestra

(also Pit Orchestra)

I will always remember my time engaged in the arts as my most stress-relieving and energizing activity. I want to thank the numerous teachers who have given the programs life over the past six years, and I wish the best for my peers who have created such a wonderful community.



Claire Hall

Theater · Band

"If music be the food of love, play on."

—William Shakespeare

Thank you to all of the teachers at Mount Greylock for their hard work making exciting programs for students like me who love the arts.

Oscar Low

Band

My favorite memories as a Greylock musician were playing in front of all my peers in the foyer during Greylock Plays. I could feel the community-building power of music in these performances.



Col McDermott

Band

I'll never forget the "Get Aquatinted!" concerts at Chapin Hall.



Victoria Melkonyan

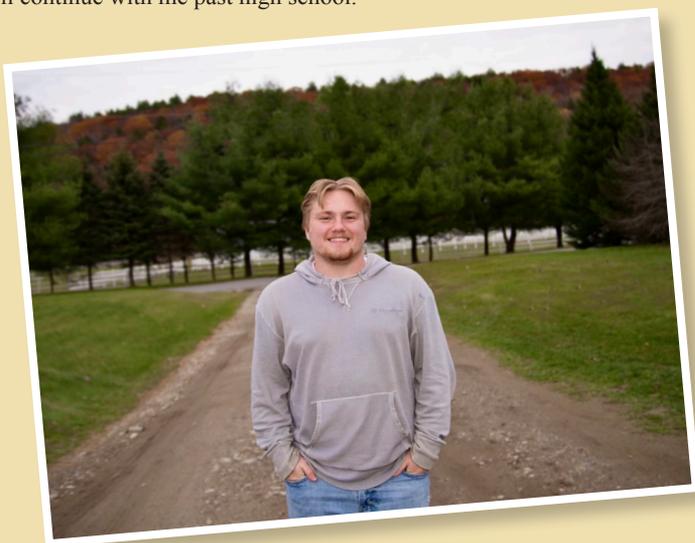
Theater · Band

The arts program at Mt. Greylock has given me so much. “*Speak what we feel, not what we ought to say*”—this is just one of the many things I’ve learned in the Mt. Greylock auditorium (and cafeteria) that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. Many thanks and much love, everyone.

Seth Schultheis

Band

I appreciate the friendships and bonds that I built through band, which will continue with me past high school.



Ruth Weaver

Theater · Band

Thank you to Mr. Moors, Mr. Welch, Tom Jaeger, Mrs. Vinette, and Mr. O'Connell, and Sam.

"You taught me about concentration. At first I thought that meant just being still, but I was to understand it meant much more. You meant to tell me to be where I was, not some place in the past or future. I worried too much about tomorrow." —Sondheim

Thank you, thank you for giving me these years and the lasting ability to find and make beauty in my life.



Olivia Winters

Visual Arts

"They thought I was a surrealist, but I wasn't. I never painted dreams. I painted my own reality."

—Frida Kahlo

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THE WILLIAMS CENTER AT MT. GREYLOCK

The WC@MG, founded in 2008, fosters rich collaborations between the college and the school in both academic and extracurricular areas.

COVID note: During limited programming due to COVID restrictions, our wonderful Williams student Fellows have been focused on free tutoring after school, targeted classroom support, and college essay help. In addition, Williams Fellows are mentoring and currently leading the Greylock Multicultural Student Union (GMSU), the Creative Writing Club, and the HS Diverse Books Club.

Soon, we hope to reignite our connections in these other important areas:

The Arts We look forward to once again offering opportunities for MGRS students to attend arts events at Williams and hosting arts residencies at MGRS (particularly with visiting artists from the '62 Center for Theatre and Dance).

Science We plan to reconstitute ScienceBlast at Williams for all 10th graders and initiate other science field experiences for other grade levels.

Foreign Language We hope to recreate opportunities for Spanish conversation and cultural exchange between the college and MGRS.

GreylockTalks As soon as this spring, we plan to once again start scheduling college students, staff, and faculty speakers for this informative and popular MGRS program.

For more information, to sign up for tutoring or a club, or to talk about potential collaborations between Williams and Mt. Greylock, please contact:

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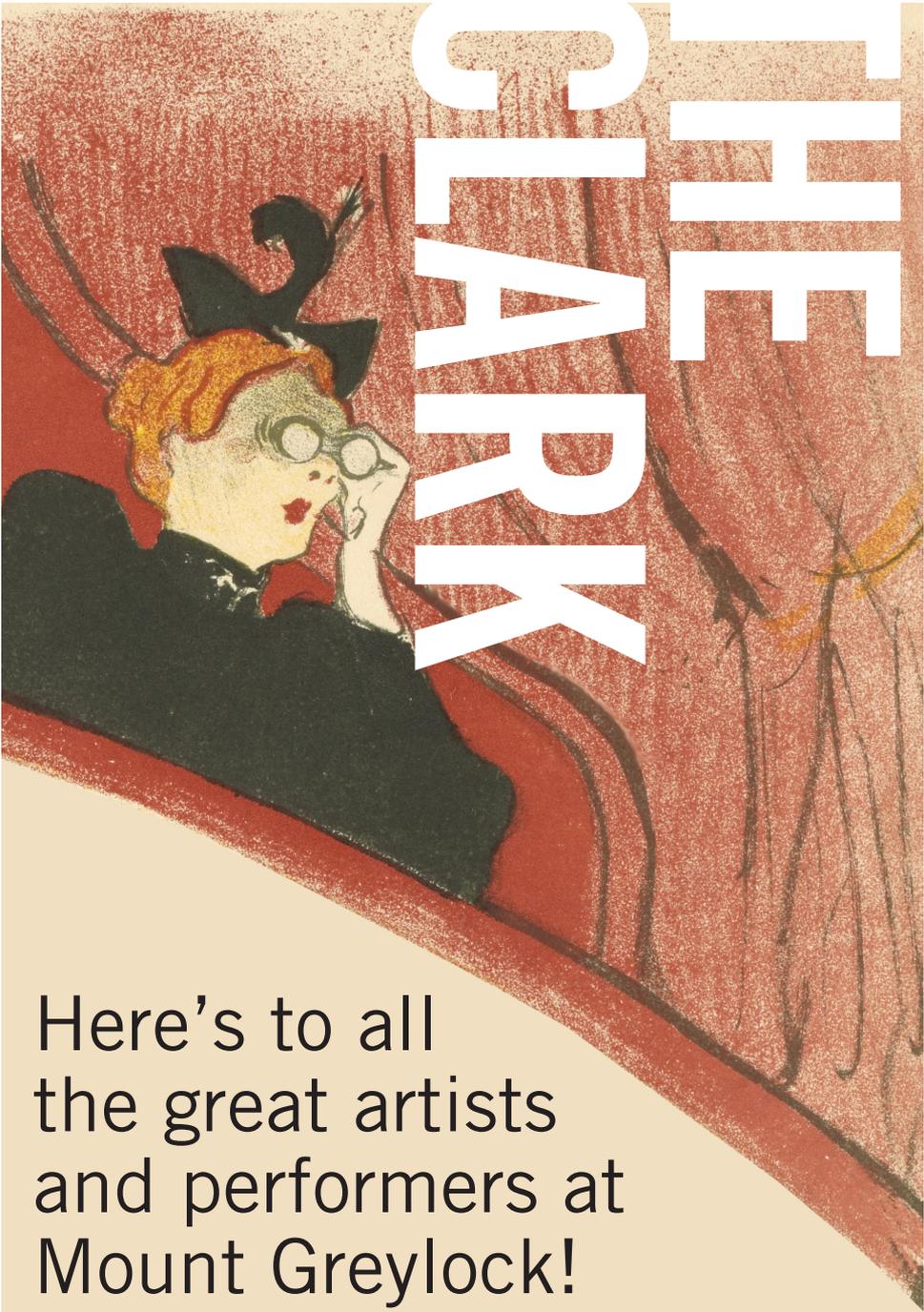
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and performers at
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