

School Governance Council Meeting 4/30/2025

Attendance:

Mr. Ferreira

Lisa Van

Isa Alves

Peggy Terhune

Joarsis Hernandez-Tapia

Jazmin Alves

Melissa Labbe

Mr. Cheatham

Mr. Cheatham – Welcomed everyone and started our meeting!

Mrs. Terhune – April 2025

WAMS / Palace Theater

- The Palace's annual after-school program just finished, and it was very successful!
 - We saw *Come From Away* and *Dear Evan Hansen* and enjoyed talk-backs with members of both casts.
 - Mr. Butler was one of our guest teachers - always a fan favorite with the students!
 - Ms. Vagnini-Dadamo was our lead teacher, and is a valuable asset to the program.
- Based on next year's season, we hope to offer the after-school program centered around *The Music Man*. We'll be applying for funding this Spring and will find out in the Fall. It will be a Spring program again next year.
- Last week, Dave Flowers held a scheduling meeting with the Performing Arts faculty to discuss and plan their stage dates for next year. It was beneficial to have everyone in the room at the same time.
- The first WAMS Hall of Fame celebration was a success!
 - The Palace was honored to be the first Community Partner recipient.
- We are preparing for all the WAMS spring events:
 - Dance Concert – May 5 & 6

- Spring Band Concert – May 19-20
- Spring Chorus Concert – June 4
- Also, the non-WAMS events that include WAMS students and/or faculty:
 - Halo Awards – May 7-8 and May 27-30
 - Teacher of the Year - May 22
- And finally, Academic Awards and Graduations in June!

Mr. Donato – Waterbury Symphony Orchestra

-The WSO/WAMS Mentorship Program continued successfully. We have hired a new percussion teacher this semester and it is off to a positive start.

-The contract to continue next year is being finalized and WSO should hear soon from the CT Community Foundation whether or not we will receive additional funding to extend the program length next year.

-WSO and The Palace Theater are collaborating on an Anniversary Concert for the Palace's 20 years since reopening. This concert is called Broadway Scores and will feature 8 Broadway singers with the Waterbury Symphony performing songs from over 20 different musicals. We plan to reach out to WAMS students/families to promote the concert.

Ms. Gaddis - Shakesperience

At WAMS

- Shakespeare students had a successful performance of Merry Wives of Windsor
- Encore: need to schedule a planning meeting

At Shakesperience

- Spring Saturday Acting Intensives just ended
- Give Local April 29 – 30:
 - 10 more hours.
 - So far we have raised \$16,820 (as of April 30th in the morning)
 - Hours left: US Autism Association, Mathnasium, Plays by David Sirois, Writing, Caesar Alternate Endings, Hamlet

student performance, Shakespeare in the Litchfield Hills, Final Countdown

- Summer Neighborhoods June 17-21. See attachment.

Labbe – PTSO

Raised enough money for two \$1000 scholarships

There is a student going to the Navy and will receive a \$250 scholarship for a night out with the family and/or expenses upon departing.

Teacher Appreciation Week Tuesday, May 6 - Sponsoring a Coffee Truck

Miss Hernandez-Tapia –

Currently playing softball for Wilby.

Finishing college stuff.

Applied for a summer program and will earn 7 credits for college!

Miss Alves –

On May 6, 2025, participating in the performance *Journey* at the Palace Theater. The opening number is *Moulin Rouge* with 53 dancers.

Completed the Palace Theater After-School Program. Participants presented their projects and attended talk-backs from *Come From Away* and *Dear Evan Hansen*. During our last talk-back, Evan, from *Dear Evan Hansen*, spent additional time with the students. It was also Evan's last performance on this tour.

Autism Education and Awareness Forum – volunteered at this event and had an opportunity to meet speakers and a professor from Yale.

Monday, April 21, 2025 WAMS hosted [Meet the Candidates for the next WPS Superintendent](#). We had a Financial Literacy Night in collaboration with Liberty Bank: The Art of the Money.

National Honor Society letters went out to the students who were accepted.

Upcoming show: based on *Pride and Prejudice* at the Palace Theater in September.

Mrs. Terhune - the show is *Austen's Pride, a New Musical of Pride and Prejudice*.

Mrs. Alves –

Hall of Fame - WAMS held their Inaugural Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

Autism Education and Awareness Forum – WAMS hosted the 4th Annual Autism Education and Awareness Forum.

The Art of Money – Liberty Bank completed 2 Financial Literacy Workshops for our families.

God Provides Giveaway Event – Event was held on May 18th due to the weather.

Camp Justice (Incoming 9th graders) – Students will have an opportunity to explore the Criminal Justice System. This is a free weeklong event!!!

Criminal Justice Camp (High School Juniors & Seniors) – This event is a one-day event in Meriden.

Summer Youth Employment – Students or youth 14 – 24 years old can apply now through May 31, 2025.

Please refer to Parent Square for additional information about these events.

Mr. Ferreira - thankful for Mobilio. Here at WAMS because of him. Pat O'Neil did a great job hosting.

There is a lot of testing and events going on. WAMOS is coming up.

Mrs. Labbe – shared: last year students were dressed up for the ARTS.

Mr. Ferreira:

SAVE THE DATES

May 1&2 - Musical Theatre Showcase - 6-8:30

May 5 - AP European History Test 12 - 4

May 6 - Middle School SBAC - 8-10

AP US Gov't and Politics 12 - 4

Dance Showcase - 7-9

May 7 - Early Dismissal

SBAC - 8-10

Art of the Book - 5:30 - 7:30

May 8 - AP Statistics - 8-12

AP World History - 12-4

May 9 - AP US History - 8-12

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May 13 - SBAC - 8-10
 NJHS and NHS Induction Ceremony - 5-7:30
 May 14 - SBAC - 8-10
 AP English Language and Composition 8-12
 May 15 - SBAC - 8-10
 May 16 - AP Psychology - 12-4
 Middle School Red Carpet Dance - 6:30 - 8:30
 May 20 - NGSS-Grade 8 - 8-10
 Instrumental Spring Concert - 7-9
 May 21 - NGSS-Grade 11 - 7:30-12:20
 STEM Night - 5:30-7
 May 22 - NGSS-Grade 11 - 7:30-12:20
 Teacher of the Year Ceremony - 5-6:30
 May 23 -NGSS-Grade 11-MAKE UP DAY
 FAFSA Breakfast - 8:30-9:30
 May 26 - Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL
 May 29 - Choreography Showcase
 May 30 – Music in the Parks
 June 2 - Seniors-Holiday Hill 7:30-1:30
 June 4 - Choral Spring Concert - 7-8:30

 June 6 - Seniors Field Day - 12-2
 June 5 - TriM Induction Ceremony - 6-8
 June 6 - WAMOS - 5-9
 June 9 - Senior Awards Night - 6-8
 June 9 - Exams projected to begin

 June 12 - HS Graduation
 June 16 - Last Day of School

Miss Alves – Seniors presented their Macbeth projects on the Apron Stage. The projects integrated the arts and academics by expressing the main themes through paintings, sculptures, lighting, videos etc.

Next meeting May 28th @9:00 am

Waterbury Arts Magnet School Senior Class Presents....

WE CORDIALLY INVITE
YOU TO OUR...

ONCE UPON A PROM

Friday | 9 | 7-11pm
May

Aria Wedding & Banquet Facility

45 Murphy Rd, Prospect,
CT 06712

\$90

Menu

Chicken Francaise - Beef Carving Station
Rigatoni with Tomatoe Sauce
Vegetarian Risotto
Salad Bar - Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables

Rescheduled for May 18th, 2025

Sponsored by God Provides Ministries, Inc.

SPRING GIVEAWAY

Join us for our spring giveaway
where everything is FREE!

We're giving away food, clothing, toys,
household items, and more! First
come, first served while supplies last.

Registration required

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025 (Rain Date: May 18, 2025)

12pm - 4pm

**NORTH END RECREATION CENTER
268 NORTH MAIN ST. WATERBURY, CT**



For more information:

203-204-6234

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REGALOS DE LA PRIMAVERA

¡Únete a nuestro evento de regalos de primavera donde todo es GRATIS!

Estamos repartiendo comida, ropa, juguetes, artículos para el hogar y más. Por orden de llegada y hasta agotar existencias. **Registración es necesario**

DOMINGO, MAY 4, 2025 (Fecha Alternativa: May 18, 2025)

12pm - 4pm

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268 NORTH MAIN ST. WATERBURY, CT**

REGÍSTRASE AHORA



Para más información: 203-204-6234

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Waterbury Arts Magnet School Dance Department Presents

Journeys *a* *Dance Concert*

Tuesday, May 6, 2025
6:30 pm At the Palace Theatre

Ticket Price: \$10 in advance

\$13 at the door

Directed by: Ingrid Howe-Green, Dea Respondowska,
Cheryl Wirth Santulli



The Waterbury Arts Magnet
School Music Department
Presents...

SpringFest' 2025

Featuring WAMS Band, Modern
Band, Jazz Band, Guitar Ensemble,
and Orchestra



Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Time: 7:00-9:00PM

The Waterbury Palace Theater

Ticket Price:
\$5 In Advance
\$7.50 At The Door

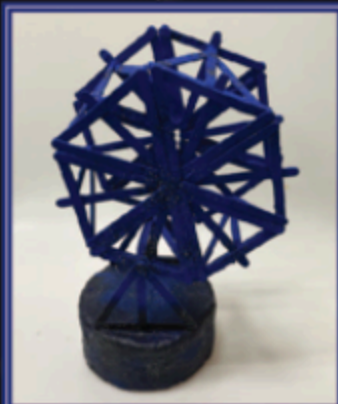


Waterbury Arts Magnet School Visual Arts
Department Presents...



Art Show

Opening Reception
Thursday, May 29, 2025
5pm-7pm
Located in the WAMS Atrium



Waterbury Arts Magnet School Dance Dept. Presents...

CHOREOGRAPHY

Thursday, May 29, 2025

SHOWCASE

6:00 in the Large Dance Studio

Suggested Donation \$5



DIRECTED BY CHERYL WIRTH SANTULLI





JULY 28TH-AUGUST 1ST, 2025
9:30am-3pm

For students entering the 9th grade in the fall

Located in the Office of the Chief State's Attorney, Camp Justice is an opportunity to learn about the many different aspects of our state's criminal justice system, from investigation to the court process, and beyond. Throughout the week, campers will engage in group activities, discussions, demonstrations, a forensic school field trip, as well as a courthouse visit where they will see the system in action. The week ends with a closing ceremony and a celebration.

- **No cost to attend**
- **Lunch provided daily**
- **Arrangements can be made with your local State's Attorney's Office to provide transportation to the Chief State's Attorney's Office in Rocky Hill**

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY JUNE 1ST

✉ kimberly.donaldson@ct.gov
or your local
State's Attorney's Office

Office of the Chief State's Attorney
C/O Kimberly Donaldson
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Rocky Hill, CT 06067

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HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS & SENIORS

ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:

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- Drone Unit
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- Motorcycle Unit
- Academy Tour
- Q&A with Recruits
- ... and more!

LOCATION:

Connecticut Police Academy
285 Preston Ave, Meriden, CT, 06450

TIME & DAY

Wednesday, June 25, 2025
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO
REGISTER
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
FREE ADMISSION!**





April 29 at 7am to April 30 at 7pm

117 Bank St, Waterbury, CT

www.shakesperience.org

All events are FREE! Doors open for the entire 36 hours!
Students must be accompanied by an adult

7am-8am: **Grand Reveal:** Experience our newly renovated space!

*8am-9am: **Parts Making A Whole:** Montage of staff and actors—past and present—sharing stories and text.

*9am-10am: **Past and Present Make a Future:** Highlights from our most recent programming.

10am-12pm: **Poetry Workshop:** Experience our newest interactive!

12pm-1pm: **Shakespeare Interactive Workshops:** Participate in the workshop that has taken CT by storm since 1996.

1pm-2pm: **Neighborhoods!:** Enjoy some of our favorite scenes from our Neighborhoods! script. Then share your own story of Waterbury.

2pm-3pm: **Perspectives!** Can you build a representation of the same picture with Legos or Play-doh? Different sizes or angles?

3pm-4pm: **Mythology:** Saturday Acting Intensives Students perform from our collection of mythology scenes

4pm-5pm: **Art Gallery (MaryAnn Kochanowski):** Explore MaryAnn's creative journey through 'Anxiously Abstract.' Visit website: <https://sites.google.com/view/anxiouslyabstract/home>

5pm-6pm: **Cyril the Sorcerer:** Once upon a River, a fairytale environmental magic show.

6pm-7pm: **Magic School:** Waterbury's Society of Young Magicians offers a beginner's class in magic for ages 7-17.

7pm-9pm: **Play Festival (writing):** Draw a prompt from a hat and write using objects in the studio for inspiration.

9pm-11pm: **Play Festival (rehearsal):** Rehearse the plays created in the previous hour.

11pm-12am: **Play Festival (performance):** New pieces created in under two hours ready for their debut!

12am-4am: **Shakespeare's Sonnets:** Read. Every. Single. One.

+4am-6am: **US Autism Association:** Streaming video recordings of The Dramatic Arts with Elaine Hall; Voices Across the Spectrum: Mickey Rowe, Seamus Higgins, and Henry Durham

*6am-7am: **We're All In This Together:** Montage of our Neighborhoods program: a community collaboration since 2013.

7am-9am: **Board of Directors Hour:** Our "Thank you" to our Board of Directors for all the time and commitment to the mission.

+9am-11am: **US Autism Association** Video presentation of Fearlessly Different: From Special Education to Broadway's Biggest Stage; Behind the Scenes: Ron Zimmerman in conversation with Mickey Rowe

11am-12pm: **Mathnasium:** Solve a Rubix Cube. Play Connect Four. Sign up your child for math tutoring. All courtesy of our friends at Mathnasium on West Main Street

12pm-2pm: **Plays by David Sirois:** Series of short plays with Q&A afterward.

2pm-3pm: **Writing Workshop:** Share a work in progress, discuss with fellow writers, and hear it read aloud by actors.

3pm-4pm: **Caesar Alternate Endings:** Acting students from our winter term perform scenes from Julius Caesar followed by improv and discussions exploring different choices and outcomes.

4pm-5pm: **Hamlet:** Spring Acting Intensives students present their final performance.

5pm-6pm: **Shakespeare in the Litchfield Hills: Friends of Shakespeare in the Litchfield Hills discuss upcoming events! Live both in our Waterbury studio and Washington's Ideas Depot!

6pm-7pm: **Final Countdown of Give Local 2025 From two locations: Waterbury & Washington Depot!

*Streaming to Facebook live

+Viewing over Zoom

<https://tinyurl.com/Shakesperience-Zoom>

**Double location:

Waterbury Studio AND Ideas Depot

11 Bryan Hall Plaza, Washington Depot



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THE SHAKESPERIENCE APPROACH

Whether teaching or rehearsing to perform for our diverse audience, the Shakespeare Approach focuses on creating thought-provoking, socially aware, and artistically excellent productions celebrating and using language to create art while developing a positive ensemble. Individual performers develop a defined sense of self through the creation of and interaction with a strong ensemble. Both actor and audience utilize their unique relationship to experience a heightened sense of reflection on the performance. Shakespeare Productions' professional artists create programming rooted in classical literature while celebrating, examining, and expanding humanity and human experience.

OUR ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Emily Martinez
Ms. Martinez earned a B.A. from the University of New Hampshire with a major in Theater and an M.A. in 17th Century English Literature with an emphasis on Shakespeare from the University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, England. A founder of Shakespeare Productions, Inc., she has led the art and education programs since the company's inception. She developed the Shakespeare Approach through the many workshops and residency programs under her direction.

FALL SESSION

October 12 – December 7

No class on Saturday November 30

Gift of the Magi

Students will perform alongside our resident professional actors to bring Emily Martinez's adaptation of the classic holiday tale to life.

Grades 2-5, 9:00am-10:00am
Cost \$300 (Scholarships Available)
Location Shakespeare Studio

Holidays with the Three Kings

Using their magic wands, the Three Kings watch dramatizations of how Waterbury Residents celebrate different Holidays during the winter season. Stories based on interviews and research done in conjunction with our Neighborhood Program.

Grades 6-12, 10:30am-12:30pm
Cost \$300 (Scholarships Available)
Location Shakespeare Studio



WINTER SESSION

January 4 – February 15

Snow date February 22

Exploring Folklore

Students explore characters and themes in folktales from many different cultures. Students are able to delve deeper into topics introduced in our Folklore Workshop.

Grades 2-5, 9:00am-10:00am
Cost \$300 (Scholarships Available)
Location Shakespeare Studio, Waterbury

Julius Caesar

This tragedy by William Shakespeare shows a fictional account of Caesar's rise to emperor, the conspiracy to his assassination, and the violence and war that follows all wrapped up in supernatural forces including a soothsayer and Caesar's ghost.

Grades 6-12, 10:30am-12:30pm
Cost \$300 (Scholarships Available)
Location Shakespeare Studio

Contact us to register
for any of these classes!



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Waterbury, CT 06702
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info@shakespeareproductions.org
www.shakespeare.org

SPRING SESSION

March 8 – April 26

No class April 19

Exploring Mythology

Students explore characters and themes in myths from many different cultures. Students are able to delve deeper into topics introduced in our Mythology Workshop.

Grades 2-5, 9:00am-10:00am
Cost \$300 (Scholarships Available)
Location Shakespeare Studio
*Additional performance during Give Local

Shakespeare Title

By popular demand, this year will include TWO Shakespeare plays. This second play will be announced at a later date.

Grades 6-12, 10:30am-12:30pm
Cost \$300 (Scholarships Available)
Location Shakespeare Studio
*Additional performance during Give Local



Neighborhoods!

Chimes of Change: Summer 2025 in Celebration of Connecticut's 250th Birthday

June 17 & 18: 9am-12:30pm

June 19 & 20: 9am-3pm

June 21: 9am-11:30am
(Performances at 10:30am)

A humanities-based initiative exploring the intersection of time, history, personal and community transformation. Through performances, storytelling, exhibitions, and discussions, participants examine how the passage of time has shaped Waterbury's communities and identities. We are honored to welcome Phil Benevento, a retired educator and former Waterbury City Historian, as a guest speaker during this celebration.



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2025

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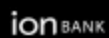
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Urgent Crisis Center For Youth

Our Service

The Urgent Crisis Center (UCC) offers crisis stabilization support, comprehensive mental health assessment, short-term medication services, collaborative safety planning, collaboration with existing providers, and direct linkages to community services for youth ages 4-18.

Call 203-580-4298 to learn more about this service.

No appointments are necessary.

The UCC is located at 141 East Main St, Waterbury

What Are Some Reasons A Youth Might Come To The UCC?

- Thoughts of suicide or self-injury
- Feelings of depression, anxiety or hopelessness
- Behaviors that are out of control or challenging in home, school or community
- Concerns about substance misuse
- Any situation that a youth or family defines as an urgent, mental health crisis.

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7 Days a Week

365 Days a Year



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Urgentes para niños

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Llame al 203-580-4298 para aprender más sobre este servicio. No hay necesidad de cita previa. El UCC se ubicado en 141 East Main Street, Waterbury

Cuales son las razones por la cual un niño vendria a el Centro de Crisis Urgentes?

- Pensamientos de suicidio o autolesion
- Sentimientos de depresion, ansiedad o desesperanza
- Comportamientos fuera de control o desafiante en la casa, escuela, o comunidad
- Preocupaciones de uso indebido de sustancias
- Cualquier situacion que un niño o su familia defina como una crisis urgente de salud mental=

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24 horas al día

7 días a la semana

365 días al año