

# Seaford UFSD Fine & Applied Arts

December Newsletter

Happy  
Holidays



## Updates!

As we enter the holiday season, the Fine and Applied Arts Departments wish you a relaxing and joyful break. Please be sure to review the updates and photos throughout the newsletter, along with the updated January early-morning rehearsal schedules for our elementary music programs, and NYSSMA Festival information from Dr. Kennedy.



## January Dates

- January 15, 2026 - Business - LIU Virtual Enterprise Field Trip
- January 28, 2026 - High School Music Trip to MJ The Musical



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# Around the Department...

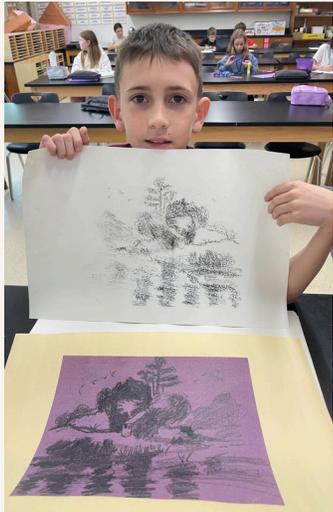
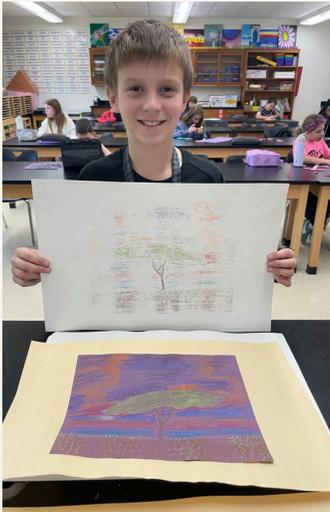


## High School



November and December were packed with performances and opportunities for our students to shine including our winter concert series, the Seaford FD Tree Lighting and Historical Society Open House, the drama production of Puffs, and more!

# Middle School



Congratulations to all student musicians who performed in our middle school winter concerts! Mr. Frontino's technology students continue to expand their skills, working on new projects such as the candy dispenser above. PLTW Robotics students begin coding to operate their LEGO robotics. And, middle school art students learn new methods for printing. How fun!



# Harbor



Students at the Harbor have been working on their PopArt and Tim Burton inspired portraits in Art. Musicians took the stage during our winter concert. Congratulations to all!

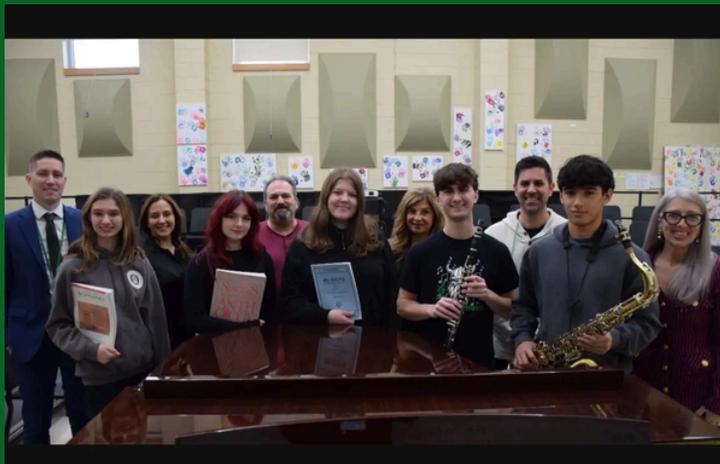


# Manor



Students have been busy creating and performing this month. Congratulations to the Manor Advanced Band and Chorus on their winter concert performance!

Congratulations to all students selected to participate in this year's Nassau Music Educator's Association All-County Festival!



Seaford High School

*Corrine Gustavson, Molly Restivo, Erin McAndrew,  
Brandon Siegel, Brian Karaman*



Seaford Middle School

*Sofia Cadena, Logan Rackow, Payton Huyber,  
Leanne Gregorek, Jonathian Lau, Samantha Juan*



Seaford Manor School

*Zoie Polyzogopoulos, Lillian Schatz  
Francesca Guigno, Brayden Dubler*



Seaford Harbor School

*Celia Hanshe, Sogna Santana, Ariana Speizer  
Cillian Perry, Jerry Zong*



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# All-County Rehearsal and Performance Schedules

## 2025-2026 ALL-COUNTY REHEARSALS AND CONCERT DATES



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4	5	6	7 <b>Division 1 East</b> 4-7:30 PM Cantiague Elementary School  <b>Division 1 West</b> 4-7:30 pm Herricks Middle School	8 <b>Division 1 East</b> 4-7:30 PM Cantiague Elementary School  <b>Division 1 West</b> 4-7:30 pm Herricks Middle School	9 <b>Division 1 East</b> 4-7:30 PM Cantiague Elementary School	10 <b>Division 1 West</b> 9:00 - 12:30 pm Herricks Middle School
11 <i>Sunday Concerts:</i> <b>Division 1 East</b> 11:30 am @ Tilles  <b>Division 1 West</b> 4:30 pm @ Tilles	12 <b>Division 4</b> 4-8 pm (with Jazz band) Syosset High School  <b>Division 5 Vocal</b> 4-8pm (with Vocal Jazz) Malverne High School	13 <b>Division 3</b> 4-8pm (With Jazz Band) Mineola High School  <b>Division 5 Instrumental</b> 4-8pm (with Inst. Jazz) Hempstead High School	14 <b>Division 2</b> 4-8pm (with Jazz Band) H.B Mattlin Middle School  <b>Division 4</b> 4-8 pm (with Jazz band) Syosset High School  <b>Division 5 Vocal</b> 4-8pm (with Vocal Jazz) Malverne High School	15 <b>Division 3</b> 4-8pm (With Jazz Band) Mineola High School  <b>Division 4</b> 4-8 pm (with Jazz band) Syosset High School  <b>Division 5 Instrumental</b> 4-8pm (with Inst. Jazz) Hempstead High School	16 <b>Division 2</b> 4-8 pm (with Jazz Band) H.B Mattlin Middle School  <b>Division 5 Vocal</b> 4-8pm (with Vocal Jazz) Malverne High School  <b>Division 5 Instrumental</b> 4-8pm (with Inst. Jazz) Hempstead High School  <b>Friday Concert:</b> <b>Division 4</b> 7:30pm @Tilles	17 <b>Division 2</b> 8:30am-12:30pm (with Jazz Band) H.B Mattlin Middle School  <b>Division 3</b> 8:30am -12:30pm (with Jazz Band) Mineola High School  <i>Saturday Concerts:</i> <b>Division 5 Vocal</b> 2:30pm @Tilles  <b>Division 5 Instrumental</b> 7:30pm @Tilles
<b>18 Sunday Concerts:</b> <b>Division 2 Concert: 11 am @Tilles</b> <b>Division 3 Concert: 4:00pm @Tilles</b>						





# Harbor Morning Music Schedule

January 2026 Harbor Music Calendar						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b> No School	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 4 No rehearsal	<b>6</b> 5	<b>7</b> 1	<b>8</b> 2 Advanced Band	<b>9</b> 3	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 4 Advanced Band	<b>13</b> 5 1 <sup>st</sup> Beginner Band rehearsal	<b>14</b> 1	<b>15</b> 2 Advanced Band	<b>16</b> 3	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Martin Luther King Jr. day- No school	<b>20</b> 4 Advanced Band/  1 <sup>st</sup> Jazz Band rehearsal in AP room after school until 4:15pm	<b>21</b> 5 Beginner Band	<b>22</b> 1 5 <sup>th</sup> grade chorus	<b>23</b> 2 Advanced Band	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 3 4 <sup>th</sup> grade chorus	<b>27</b> 4 Advanced Band  Jazz Band in AP room	<b>28</b> 5 Beginner Band	<b>29</b> 1 5 <sup>th</sup> grade chorus	<b>30</b> 2 Advanced Band	<b>31</b>

Jazz Band starts on Tuesday, Jan. 20 after school. Rehearsals will be Tuesdays after school.

Beginner Band starts on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 8am. Rehearsals will be every day 5.



# Manor Morning Music Schedule

Seaford Manor School  
AM Music Rehearsals

## January 2026

January 2026							February 2026						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31							

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dec 29	30	31	Jan 1, 26	2
5	6 4th Grade Chorus	7 Advanced Band	8 5th Grade Chorus	9 Advanced Band
12 4th Grade Chorus	13 Beginning Band	14 Advanced Band	15 Advanced Band	16 5th Grade Chorus
19	20 Beginning Band	21 Advanced Band	22 Advanced Band	23 5th Grade Chorus
26 Beginning Band	27 4th Grade Chorus	28 Advanced Band	29 5th Grade Chorus	30 Advanced Band



# SEAFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Patrick Kennedy, Coordinator for Fine and Applied Arts

To: Seaford Music Parents and Guardians  
 From: Dr. Patrick Kennedy, Coordinator for Fine and Applied Arts  
 RE: 2026 NYSSMA Participation  
 Date: December 19, 2025

Thank you for your continued support of our music program! Please see below information for upcoming NYSSMA Festivals. If you have additional questions, please reach out or visit the NYSSMA website at [www.nyssma.org](http://www.nyssma.org), click on “parents/students” and scroll down to NYSSMA Festival Q & A.

### FESTIVAL DATES, TIMES, & LOCATIONS

Level/Instrument	Date	Location	Registration forms and payment due:
All-State	March 27–28, 2026	Division Avenue High School (Levittown)	January 30, 2026
All-State Vocal Jazz, Vocal Jazz Level 1-6, All-State Instrumental Jazz, Instrumental Jazz Level 1-6, Harp Level 1-6	May 1–2, 2026	Syosset High School	March 9, 2026
Vocal & Instrumental Level 1-6 (including Classical Guitar & Piano)	May 18–19, 2026	Wantagh Senior High School	March 16, 2026

### NYSSMA Fees – Please make checks payable to Seaford UFSD

Type	Fee
Instrumental (not piano) Levels 1-4	\$20.00
Instrumental (not piano) Levels 5-6	\$30.00
All-State & All-State Jazz	\$36.00
Piano Levels 1-4	\$26.00
Piano Levels 5-6	\$36.00

Students performing at any level must understand the importance of committing to this process months in advance. While the Seaford UFSD music faculty is available to provide guidance and extra support, students are expected to prepare independently for their NYSSMA performance. Please ensure that your child’s NYSSMA solo is selected from the current Digital NYSSMA Manual (Edition 34, July 2025). Your child’s school music teacher or Dr. Kennedy can assist in confirming your child’s selection. Please be aware that NYSSMA does not offer refunds, and performance times cannot be guaranteed or changed once given.

If your child is interested in participating in a NYSSMA Festival, please complete the appropriate registration form and return to your child’s music teacher by the date indicated on the form. Reach out directly to your child’s music teacher or Dr. Kennedy with any questions regarding the NYSSMA registration process. We hope to see many of our Seaford students participating in this year’s festival!



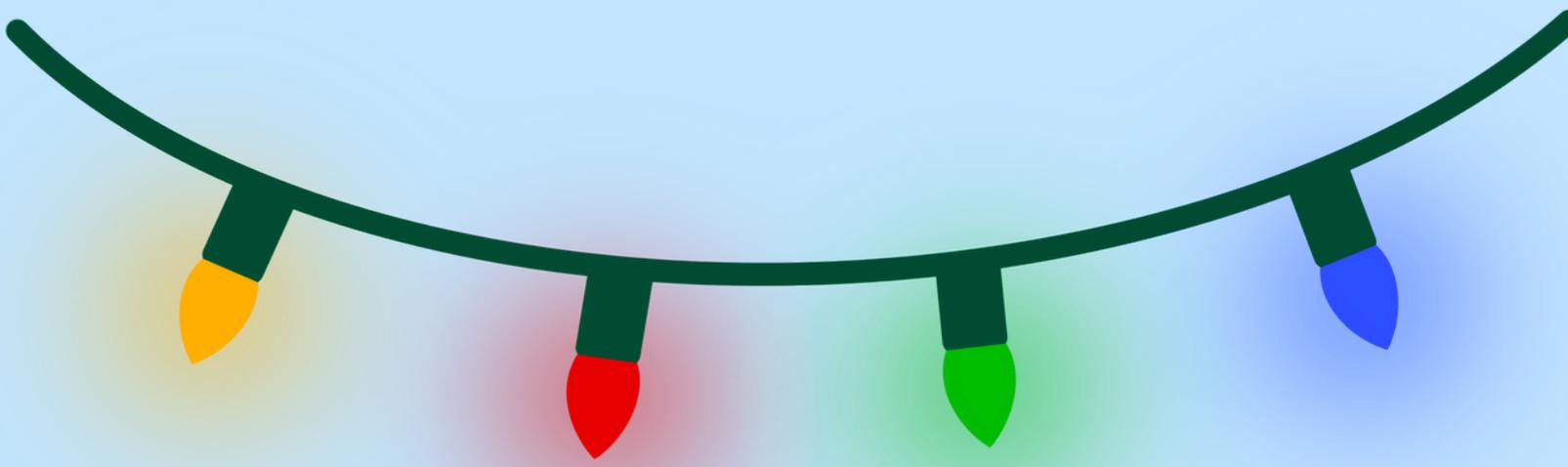
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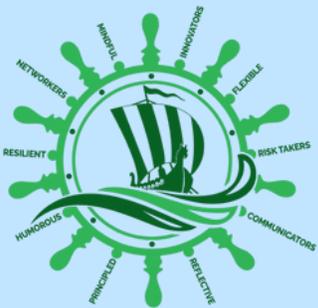
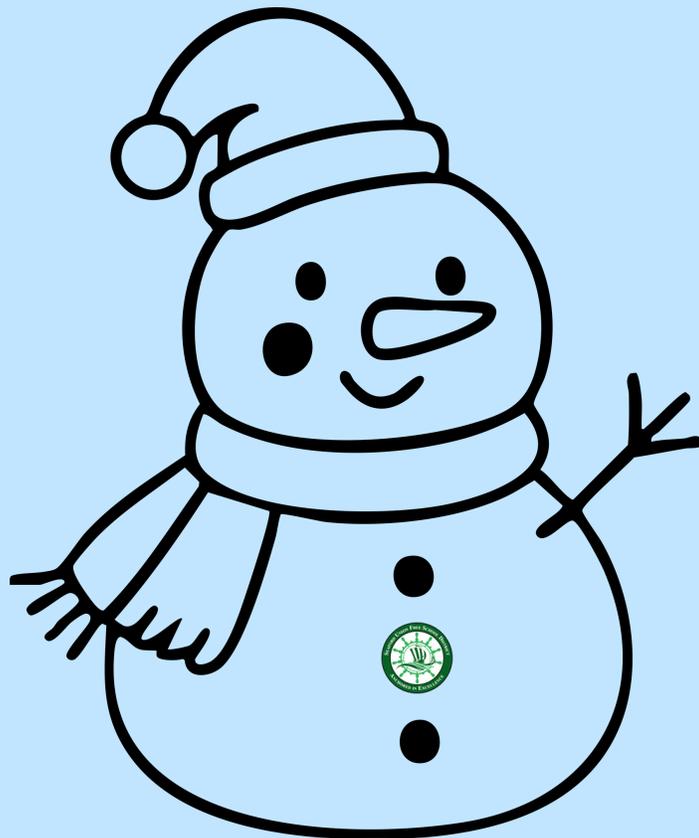
### Fine and Applied Arts Department

### Important Dates and Performances, 2025-2026

Date	Event	Place
September	11 9/11 Memorial Candlelight Ceremony, 6:45 p.m.	Seaford High School
October	18 Homecoming (Parade @ 12:00 p.m., Game at 2:00 p.m.)	Seaford High School
	21 Marching Band Invitational Open Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.	Seaford High School
	23 Newsday Marching Band Festival (time TBD)	Mitchel Field
November	21 SHS Fall Drama, 7:00 p.m.	Seaford High School
	22 SHS Fall Drama, 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.	Seaford High School
December	6 Jazz Band Performs at Hot Chocolate Run	Seaford High School
	6 Music Department Performs at Seaford Tree Lighting	Seaford High School
	9 SHS Holiday Choral Concert, 7:00 p.m.	Seaford High School
	11 SHS Holiday Band Concert, 7:00 p.m.	Seaford High School
	15 Manor Holiday Concert, 6:30 p.m.	Seaford High School
	16 Harbor Holiday Concert, 6:30 p.m.	Seaford High School
	17 SMS Holiday Concert, Part 1, 7:00 p.m.	Seaford High School
	18 SMS Holiday Concert, Part 2, 7:00 p.m.	Seaford High School
March	5 SHS Spring Musical Dress Rehearsal, 3:30 p.m.	Seaford High School
	6 SHS Spring Musical, 7:00 p.m.	Seaford High School
	7 SHS Spring Musical, 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.	Seaford High School
	17 SHS Marching Band Marches in NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade	NYC - 5th Avenue
	27 SMS Drama Production, 7:00 p.m.	Seaford High School
	28 SMS Drama Production, 7:00 p.m.	Seaford High School
April	30 SHS Tri-M Music Honor Society Induction and Chamber Music Concert, 7:00 p.m.	Seaford High School
May	12 Harbor Spring Concert, 6:30 p.m.	Seaford High School
	13 Manor Spring Concert, 6:30 p.m.	Seaford High School
	14 Districtwide Art Show, 6-8 p.m.	Seaford High School
	20 SHS Large Ensemble Concert, 7:00 p.m.	Seaford High School
	1 SMS Spring Concert, Part 1, 7:00 p.m.	Seaford High School
	3 SMS Spring Concert, Part 2, 7:00 p.m.	Seaford High School
	12 SHS Graduation, 6:00 p.m.	Tilles Center @ LIU



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS



The Seaford Symphony would like to congratulate all the Seaford Schools musicians for outstanding performances in the winter concerts!!

Thank you to all you purchased snacks, raffles and candy bouquets to help support all the music programs in Seaford

Happy Holidays!





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