

Somers Music Patrons, Inc.

Somers High School
Ninth District Road
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Dear Somers Residents,

A new school year is underway, and we are once again making our annual appeal for your support. The mission of the Music Patrons is to support and promote music in the Somers education system, from the elementary through high school level. Thanks to your support, we are able to assist the music directors in many ways...by chaperoning on school trips, volunteering at concerts, coordinating fundraisers for students, providing bus transportation for music-related field trips, and more. We also continue to award annual scholarships, one in memory of Christine Taft, to deserving music students who intend to further their education.

This year, thanks to your support we were able to add an additional scholarship and also increase the amount of each of the scholarships awarded. The SHS Music Department and the Music Patrons recognized the following seniors: Michael MacLauchlan, the Music Wall of Fame honoree, Lauren Craig, Denise Gotta and Amanda Marschall, the scholarship winners. In addition to supporting the many activities sponsored by the school music departments, we continued to update our technology such as improving stage lighting and purchasing two-way radios. We were also proud to send Molly Driscoll, now a Junior, to All State and also to send six Somers Elementary Chorus members to the Elementary Honors Choir for the State of Connecticut, sponsored by the American Choral Directors Association.

As we do every year, we will continue to provide fundraising opportunities for the students to help defray the cost of their music field trips and music workshops. Plans for this year include purchasing accessories for the High School Chorus outfits and looking at ways to improve the acoustics on the high school stage.

Once again, we thank you for supporting music education. We welcome your comments and participation and invite you to join us at our meetings that are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the high school in the Gerald Perrault Teacher Room. It is only through your generous support that we are able to continue our efforts.

Sincerely,

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