

MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# Fine Arts Year in Review

## 2025–26

Visual arts · Music · Theatre



# Creative foundations and first stages

Students built skills through studio work, instruments, concerts, and theatre





## Visual arts

**Drawing, painting, collage, sculpture, ceramics, digital art, and stop motion**

**Performing arts** General music, band, strings, chorus, concerts, and student productions

# A year of visible student work

Three snapshots of participation and community reach

**1,001**

**student pieces in the MPS Art Show**

**2,070**

**visitors for the duration**

**K-12**

**student participation**

**The district art show drew 1,176 guests to opening night and 2,070 visitors during the exhibition week.**

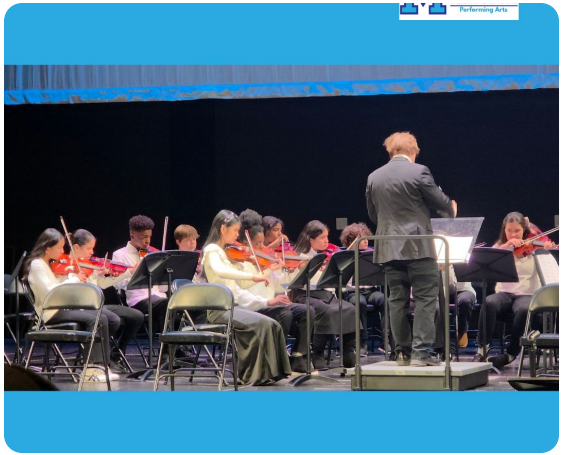


# Performing arts: ensemble, production, and recognition

Students took the stage, designed productions, and represented MHS beyond the district







**MHS Choir**

**MHS March State Champions!**

**149 students participated in the Elizabeth Swaim After School Strings program**

# Create, perform, and lead

Middle school students moved into deeper technique and greater ownership



16 HALO nominations



HIGH SCHOOL

**“Puffs” portrayed in October, “Between the Lines” performed in March.**

MIDDLE SCHOOL

**“The Drowsy Chaperone” ran February 25-27, 2026**

# Visual arts: advanced practice and new pathways

Studio courses connected portfolio work, college experiences, and future study





**Mural Club Project Fundraiser**

**FIRST YEAR**

**AP 3D Art joined growing pottery and sculpture offerings.**

# Student work reached the wider community

Exhibitions and festivals brought schools, families, and community partners together




MHS photography workshop, University of Hartford

## ALL CITY MUSIC FESTIVAL

**Grades 4–12 shared one district stage at Wesleyan University.**

**1078 tickets sold**

**Over 2000 in attendance**



All City Strings Festival




# Thank you

**To the students who made the work, the educators who guided it, and the families and partners who showed up to see it.**

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