

# COLOR & CHORDS

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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:

### Domenic Bruno

Being a part of MHS band reminded me of the community I experienced at Spartans. At MHS, we constantly worked as a team when performing our show. Every individual was equally as important as the next. Similarly to Spartans, we set aside our differences and worked towards one common goal, even if that meant practicing a little harder. As I graduate, I will miss the community at MHS band. By the end of the season, it always ended up feeling like my second family.

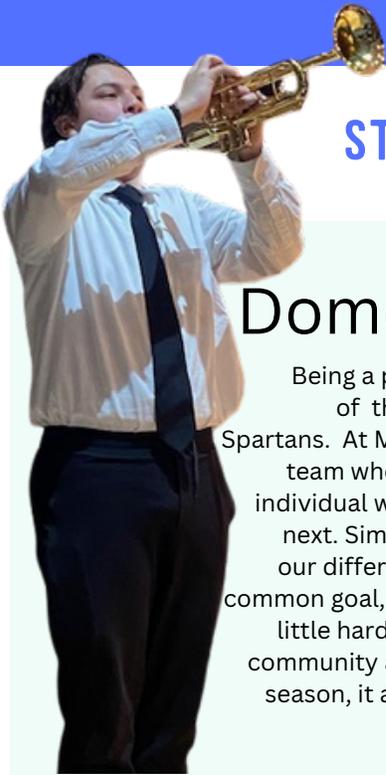
Playing trumpet has taught me a lot of lessons that can be applicable to my everyday life but one specific lesson stands out- the importance of staying committed. When I started learning trumpet, I definitely was not a prodigy. I was often left feeling frustrated with the abnormal farting noises leaving my horn. I persevered and stayed dedicated to playing. This commitment led to a direct improvement in my playing. I began getting opportunities I wouldn't have otherwise had. I remember the excitement I felt when the Spartans offered me a contract. My 5th grade self would have never willingly given up a summer to spend it on a turf field. My decision to join, led to an even greater improvement in my playing and a contract for this upcoming season. I am confident my committed mentality will take me to far greater places and will give me more opportunities I wouldn't have otherwise had.

Domenic and Benjamin are two members of the brass section of the Medford Mustang marching band. They both will tour and perform this summer with the Spartans, a prestigious drum and bugle corps. We asked them to share a little bit about what the band and music means to them.

### Benjamin Wirz

My favorite part of being in the MHS band is definitely playing with my friends. Having the opportunity to not only play music, but do it with some of my closest friends is just amazing.

Music has significantly affected my life since I started with trombone in 5th grade. During covid I sort of lost touch with music. Coming back to band in the spring sparked my interest in drum corps and music in general, in which I then spent pretty much the entire summer watching drum corps youtube videos and obsessing over each of the shows. At the same time I started to really practice and get better to the point where that November I auditioned for the Spartans, and got offered a contract, which I eventually accepted. Right now music impacts my life by occupying a majority of my free time and thought, whether its band practice, Spartans, practicing at home, or just whistling a melody.



### Celebrity Sighting At the McGlynn: Anna and Olaf!

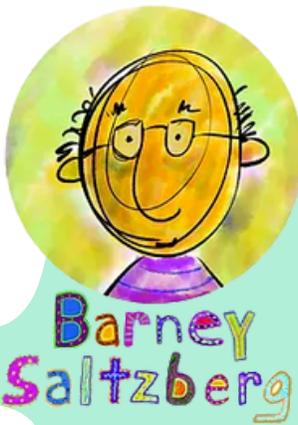
Art Teacher Jen Belanger and PE Teacher Meg Richard brought some holiday cheer to the students at the McGlynn right before the winter break! Sending a big thank you to these two amazing teachers who always go the extra mile to bring smiles to faces of our students!



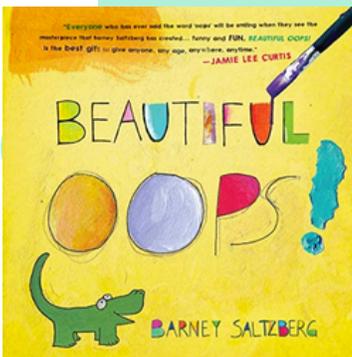


# THANK YOU!

On behalf of the entire MPS community we would like to thank and recognize our marching band students for their hard work and dedication throughout the whole football season. Many don't realize that in addition to supporting the team by playing at all the home games, they compete and perform competitively as well. We are so happy that the marching band got to have the Fenway Experience. You made us proud!



Author and Illustrator Barney Slaztberg was the inspiration behind a schoolwide "Beautiful Oops" lesson that allowed students to practice the power of growth mindset. Barney was kind enough to zoom with the students of the McGlynn and share his journey that led to the publication of this classroom favorite. Thank you, Barney Saltzberg!



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BECAUSE THE KEYS ARE ON THE INSIDE!**



**DID YOU MAKE A RESOLUTION  
TO READ MORE IN 2023? STOP BY  
THE MHS LIBRARY AND PICK UP A  
HANDPAINTED BOOKMARK MADE  
BY OUR INCREDIBLE NAHS  
STUDENTS!**



# Band & Orchestra Winter Concert

On December 17th and 18th the MHS auditorium was packed with people eager to hear the amazing musical stylings of our Middle and High school bands and orchestras. As usual, they did not disappoint. We are sending a huge shout out to our amazing instructors Ms. Chang, Ms Baptiste and Ms. Rello for leading such inspiring performances! Thank you to everyone who attended, we hope to see you again for our spring performances.

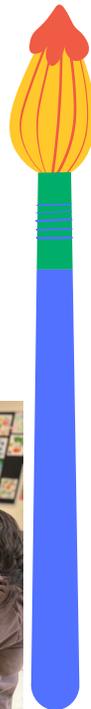


## FROM THE MISSITUK:



**Ms. Mazaka opened up the Creation Station for choice time in the art room!**

Students learned how to use the new materials and the procedures for keeping the station in order. They've been having a lot of fun exploring!



The Medford Marching Band Parent Organization had another successful tree sale this holiday season. They would like to thank everyone for their support!



The Interact Club at MHS sponsored a winter carnival in the foyer after school on December 22nd. It was a fun way to get in the holiday spirit and share some treats, music and crafts with friends. Students from Mrs. Fard's guitar ensemble performed some classic holiday tunes and the National Art Honor Society provided an ornament decorating craft.

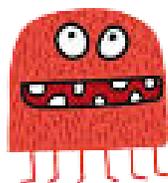


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# MASSART



Some lucky seventh graders at the McGlynn middle school got to learn about careers in animation from MassArt Professor of Animation Jesse Strauss. He visited Ms. Nobrega's class and discussed his career in animation, pathways into the profession and shared ways to develop ideas and stories for animation projects.



# Winter Assembly at the Missituk

Right before the winter break, Mr. Stern and Ms. Froomer brought the students of the Missituk together to delight each other with musical stylings from around the globe!



Some members of NAHS are looking for yarn donations for an upcoming project. You can drop donations off at Medford High school or email Suzanne Fee for more info ([sfee@medford.k12.ma.us](mailto:sfee@medford.k12.ma.us))

