



# Prodigy Program

Westwood Performing Arts

## Spring 2024 Newsletter

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### Thank you!

We hope this newsletter finds everyone well and engaged in exciting year-end celebrations! Thank you for another wonderful year of learning and making music. Also, thank you for your patience as we transitioned to a [new website](#). Please make sure to bookmark the new page. As the school year draws to a close, I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight some of the accomplishments within the Prodigy Program, thank our instructors for their creative teaching, provide some important updates about the Prodigy Program, and encourage you to register for the 2023-2024 session.

**Brianna Creamer**

**Prodigy Program Director**

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### Prodigy Student Spotlight

Congratulations to all of the students who auditioned and were accepted into the Eastern District Junior Festival, Senior Festival, and MMEA All-State Festival!



#### Junior District Festival

Meyer Kaminski  
Lilith Brooks  
Jacob Cicerchia

#### Senior District Festival

Conor Tsang  
Deepak Viswalingam  
Jason Delli Carpini  
Jonathan Ferraro  
Jason Guo  
Michael Mansour  
Anthony Yang  
Melissa Yang



#### All-State Festival

Conor Tsang  
Deepak Viswalingam

# Congratulations to Our Graduating Seniors!

We congratulate them on all their hard work while a part of the Prodigy Program, and we wish them the best of luck as they continue on their journey.



## Spring 2024 Recitals and Concerts

### Prodigy Recitals

Wednesday, May 8th	Students of Rebecca Gruenfeld	Auditorium
Friday, May 10th	Students of Anne-Marie Chubet	Auditorium
Monday, May 13th	Students of Irina Naryshkova	Auditorium
Tuesday, May 14th	Students of David Dyson	Chorus Room
Thursday, May 16th	Students of Joe Casano	Chorus Room
	Students of Melissa Laurencio	Auditorium
Tuesday, May 21st	Students of Johann Soultz	Chorus Room
	Students of John Clark	Cafe
Wednesday, May 29th	Students of Michelle Passmore	Chorus Room
Friday, May 31st	Students of Yhasmin Valenzuela	Chorus Room
Tuesday, June 4th	Students of Marlene Markard	Chorus Room
Thursday, June 6th	Students of Erica Kelly	Chorus Room
	Students of Doug LaRosa	Auditorium
	Students of Andrew Bedrossian	Little Theater
	Students of Michael Casano	Band Room
Monday, June 10th	Students of Alicia Winslow	TMS Auditorium

### School Concerts

Tuesday, May 21st	TMS Choruses	WHS Auditorium
Thursday, May 23rd	All-Town Strings	WHS Auditorium
Tuesday, May 28th	WHS Spring Showcase	WHS Auditorium
Thursday, May 30th	TMS Bands	WHS Auditorium
Wednesday, June 5th	5th Grade Band	WHS Auditorium

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## Time to Register for the Prodigy Program for 2024-2025!

### Registration for the 2024-2025 Prodigy Program season will open on June 3rd!

Returning students: If you are a returning Prodigy Program student, you will be automatically enrolled in lessons for the 2024-2025 school year on your current instrument and with your current instructor. If you are an existing student who wishes to change their registration (e.g., different instrument, different teacher, new address or payment method), or if you wish to withdraw from the Prodigy Program, please click [here](#) to access the parent portal.

New students: If you are a new Prodigy Program student, please go to the Prodigy Program website to [create an account](#). If you are unsure as to which instrument or teacher to choose, please contact the Prodigy Program Director at [prodigyprogram@westwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:prodigyprogram@westwood.k12.ma.us).

**Please do not attempt to register or make changes to 2024-2025 registration before June 3rd, because JackRabbit will not be able to accept 2024-2025 registrations or changes to 2024-2025 registration before that time.** Please also note that registration will close on **September 30th**. We will not be able to register any students after that time.

The Prodigy Program is in the final year of a three-year tuition increase. The amounts are as follows:

Lesson type	Current Tuition	2024-25 Tuition
Semi-private	\$660	\$750
30 minutes	\$960	\$1,050
45 minutes	\$1,410	\$1,500
60 minutes	\$1,800	\$1,890

Payment options:

- Pay in full upon registration
- Pay 50% in September **before the first lesson** and the balance by February 1, 2025
- Sign up for a Monthly Payment plan when you register. Please note that this will incur an additional one-time \$25 convenience fee
- Apply for Tuition Assistance, which may be available to families who demonstrate need. Tuition assistance depends on availability of funds.

**Please do not mail checks, applications or correspondence to the Prodigy Program office as our administrative staff remains virtual and is not on-site to receive mail at this time.**

If you require assistance with any part of your registration or have any other concerns or questions, please contact the Prodigy Program at [prodigyprogram@westwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:prodigyprogram@westwood.k12.ma.us).

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## A Friendly Reminder About Attendance Policies

In the interest of student progress, and with an effort to maintain a degree of fairness for both families and lesson instructors, the Prodigy Program previously established policies regarding lesson attendance, cancellations, and make-up lessons.

Established weekly lesson times are bound to flex at various points throughout the year due to illness, school holidays, weather cancellations, etc. Since both students/families and instructors have a mutual investment in their music lessons and classes together, the Prodigy Program has asked families and instructors to agree to certain guidelines in the event of a missed lesson or class.

Our **current Absence and Makeup Policy** is set forth below. Please click [here](#) to read all of the Program's policies.

1. **Private Lessons:** Students are entitled to make up lessons for **two excused** absences. Excused absences are those in which (i) the student has provided at least 24 hours advance notice to the instructor (not the Prodigy Program Director), or (ii) the student is ill and cannot attend the lesson (whether or not 24 hours notice is provided). Absences for **any other reason** are not excused and are forfeited.  
**More than two absences of any kind are forfeited.**
2. **Semi-Private Lessons:** Because semi-private lessons involve other students, lessons are **not** made up when a student is absent.
3. **Classes:** Because classes involve other students, lessons are **not** made up when a student is absent.
4. **Teacher Absence:** A teacher's absence from a lesson or class will be made up by the end of the school year.
5. **School Closings and Holidays:** All lessons missed because of school closings for religious holidays or inclement weather will be made up.
6. **Credits and Refunds:** Tuition credits or refunds will be provided for long-term illness or injury.

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## In-Person and Remote Lesson Options Continue

Due to demand for virtual lessons, this Fall, the Prodigy Program will continue to offer lessons in both in-person and remote formats.

Upon registration, students will be able to choose remote or in-person lessons for the 2024-2025 school year. Once students have chosen a format, students will be committed to that format for the entire school year.

Remote lessons will be available for every instrument as well as voice, but may not be offered by every Prodigy instructor. In-Person teachers may occasionally use a remote format but only upon agreement with the families that they teach. They are limited to two-three remote lessons per year.

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## *Westwood Winds is back!*

Greetings from the Westwood Winds Community Band!

We are very excited to let you know that REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for the Westwood Winds 2024 Summer Season.

Please visit our website at [www.westwoodwinds.org](http://www.westwoodwinds.org) and click JOIN NOW to register.

Information about rehearsal dates and concert dates can be found on our website. Any interested student between the grades of 8-12 is invited to join, and encouraged to attend an open rehearsal on **Monday June 10, 2024**.

We hope you will be joining us this year, and please spread the word! The best way to grow our membership is by word of mouth and personal connections.

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