

Principal's Report
February 2017
Enrollment: 237

Rehearsal began for the nineteen students from KCS that will be participating in the *2017 Region One Select Band and Chorus*. These top students will be joining other great musicians from the other Region One schools, rehearsing on Wednesdays through January and February, culminating in a two day, seven school concert tour in mid-February.

The top music students at KCS auditioned in West Hartford for the Northern Region Music Festival on Saturday, January 7. These students competed against nearly two thousand 6th, 7th, and 8th graders from approximately 34 towns in the northwest quarter of the state. We are pleased to announce that Lydia Klingebiel and Linnea Saxton were selected for the orchestra, Maddie Malinowski was selected for the band and Aiden Cherniske was selected for the chorus. On Saturday, March 25 they will perform at the Music Festival at Wethersfield High School on after two days of intensive rehearsals.

A representative from Oliver Wolcott Technical School visited our 8th grade students to speak about the programs offered at Oliver Wolcott. She also spoke about industry credentials students can earn, college pathways and the admissions process and requirements. The 8th graders then travelled to HVRHS where they were treated to a pizza lunch, toured the high school and learned about the classes available for them to take next year. They also met with representatives from some activities that are open to freshman (athletics, robotics, student government and FFA). It was an enlightening day for all!

On January 26, we held our annual Lockdown Drill. Trooper Andrew Fisher was in attendance as well as Trooper Rapp, Trooper Lachance and his canine, Tobi. As always, the students were exemplary in following instructions.

On the early dismissal day, January 25, teachers were engaged in Professional Learning Communities, a practice where teachers, in alignment with our Strategic Plan, work collaboratively on investigating mutually agreed upon topics with the focus of improving student performance. Our PLC's focused on exploring the concepts of Student-led conferences, Grading, Personalized Learning and data. It was a rewarding and informative afternoon.

Upcoming events in February

- February 8 KCSSF Annual Chocolate Fest (Snow Date February 9)
- February 10 Grade 7 & 8 regional Dance at Cornwall Consolidated School
- February 13 Regional Band & Chorus Performances in Kent, Cornwall and Sharon
- February 15 Regional Band & Chorus Performances in North Canaan, Falls Village and Salisbury
- February 20 & 21 **No School (Presidents' Day)**