

# Fine Arts Warriors



The purpose of this group is to assist the GTCHS fine arts department with their performances. GTCHS is incredibly proud to not only be the first charter school in our state but to also be the first non-arts-based charter school with a full arts department. We are a small department with only 3 educators; however, we are fully committed to providing not only the best education in our field but also opportunities usually reserved for much bigger schools. We are grateful to finally have our own classrooms and theatre which will allow us to focus more on our curriculum and productions. Because there are only three of us, we have always relied on parents, students and community friends to help us with all we have going on. We are streamlining this effort so that we can be more productive.

We take arts education seriously. It is a lot of fun, but we also work hard. All three of us have high expectations for our students and work tirelessly to help them accomplish these goals. We push our students to try new things and think outside of the box. We are able to work on critical thinking, building confidence and leadership skills as well as fine tune our team working efforts. All of this while producing beautiful artwork, music and theatre. Besides working hard in our classroom our department puts on the following 8 shows each year.

- Winter music and visual arts show
- Spring band/orchestra and visual arts show
- Spring chorus/guitar and visual arts show
- Fall theatre show light
- Drama 1 elderly project
- Drama 2 classic 20<sup>th</sup> century play
- Drama 3&4 classic play
- Murder Mystery Dinner (fund raiser)

Much of the work is behind the scenes and that is where we can use your help. We need assistance with show set-up and clean-up. Help sell tickets and merch before, during and after shows. Feed the students when they may not leave campus between shows and help with our big show cast party. We also need help with after concert receptions and lastly, we always need help finding sponsors for our shows and assisting in marketing.

Finally, we are excited to set up a scholarship fund for our bi-annual art department school trip. Every other year we go on a trip to NYC and Chicago. These trips are filled with museums, shows, music and university visits. Our students have enjoyed them and gotten a lot out of them. Every year we are sad when eligible students cannot attend strictly because of financing. Our ITS troupe will be hosting quarterly improv nights as well as a Spring Talent show to raise funding for this scholarship. We also want to sell merch with our arts logo on it during shows for this purpose.

Please let us know if you are interested in becoming a Fine Arts Warrior. Everyone has different strengths. We, as the fine arts department have big ideas and with your help, we can accomplish anything.

Kindly, Mrs. Haskell, Mrs. Honeycutt and Mr. Marsh