



### From the Director:

The beginning of the Spring Semester can be tough on students and teachers. The cold and the dark, minimal outdoor time, and disruptive snow days all challenge steady academic practice. We learn to accommodate the reality of this dark season and students gain traction even during the icy days! Now, when the time between dawn and dusk is expanding, we have the additional satisfaction of the rewards of good work to celebrate. Here are a few highlights:

This year's Project Week Exhibition proved to be an exceptional event. Not only were students' presentations well documented and presented, but they were enormously entertaining! Thank you to everyone for your hard work and focus during this challenging week.

Senior Lizzie Moore has been accepted to the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow, one of Europe's premier Conservatories.

Senior Danji Buck-Moore received a Certificate of Merit from the National Merit Scholarship Program and is a National Merit Scholar Finalist.

Mariel Dowling has been accepted to Middlebury's Bread Loaf YoungWriters Conference. Bread Loaf is the oldest writers conference in the country and its student program is the only one of its kind in the US. Admissions are highly competitive, dependent on the applicant's writing abilities, and ranked against some of the best young writers in the U.S.

And for our teachers? As a teacher, rewards are often subtle; sometimes delivered during "aha!" moments in the classroom. Today, however, there was another, perhaps deeper, reward: seeing all of our students sitting in each of their classrooms ready to learn... ten minutes before their classes were scheduled to begin.

Onward and upward! With appreciation and best wishes to everyone associated with Watershed,

- Philip Gerard



Student and faculty masks by Melody Brink

### Spring Semester Sprouts Three New Classes

***Literature of the Sea: A World Apart*** with instructor Melissa Waterman. Students are investigating perceptions of the sea in American and British literature. A partial reading list includes: *Sailing Alone Around the World*, *Dove*, *The Boat That Wouldn't Float*, and *Moby Dick*.

***English Literature "Selected Shorts"*** with instructor Ralph Moore. Reading from Norton's *Anthology*, the class will focus on the emotional and intellectual effects of mini-masterpieces while closely examining grammar, syntax and vocabulary throughout the short story form.

***Metalsmithing*** with instructor Nancy Glassman. Working with copper and silver sheet and wire, objectives of the class will include learning cutting, shaping, soldering, polishing, and stone setting skills, while creating jewelry and small sculpture.



Music Class Jams For Fall Semester Exhibition

### Watershed Receives Art/Science Collaboration Grant

This year's Observation Science students will have the opportunity to work with the support of a drawing teacher to hone their illustration skills for science class. Observation students are required to keep a field journal that includes accurately rendered drawings of tree and other plant species. The grant was offered as a way to enrich the already active cross-pollination within the school curricula. We look forward to the results of this collaboration.

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## Quebec City –

Students enjoyed the Winter Carnival in Quebec City Feb 2-4th, exploring the “Old City,” viewing Eskimo soapstone carvings, watching human foosball, late-night tobogganing, cooking meals, ice skating, visiting museums and enjoying each other’s company.

Many thanks to Megan Cafferata, Gregory Moore & Kathleen Stars, Dee Peppe, Bridget Buck and Sherry & Phil for chaperoning this trip.



Meara, Lizzy, Josie, Zofia and Harper touring the city

## Beyond The Classroom

**Astronomy** - Join Bates College Professor Eric Wollman for a talk entitled "Cosmology in the 20th Century" at 7 pm on March 7th at the LCS. Wollman's talk will highlight some of the newest discoveries in this exciting and rapidly developing branch of science.

**Watershed’s Ultimate Frisbee Team** will compete in Maine State Tournament May 13<sup>th</sup> and at St Johnsbury Academy’s Ultimate Invitational May 19-20<sup>th</sup>.

**Chemistry in Context**- Students will research, produce products, and teach the principles of chemistry associated with their selected chemical process including biodiesel production, saponification (soap making), ethanol production, cheesemaking, and champagne production.

**9<sup>th</sup> grade research trip** - Will Galloway’s Western Civilization class will travel to Bowdoin in March to use the College’s library and research facilities.

**Friday Afternoon Seminar** - Spring speakers include pianist Glenn Jenks, former CIA Dick Topping, documentary filmmaker Jessie Davis, and others.

## First Prize Blue Ribbon Ice –

An enthusiastic group of Watershed students took the Camden Winter Festival by tropical storm and won first place in the Ice Carving competition. The award-winning sculpture featured a ukulele with two small palm trees. Students serenaded the crowd with live music and team spirit. Congratulations!



Ice Sculpture Masterpiece

**SAT Support** – Math and Music teacher Malcolm Brooks has been offering Saturday morning sessions for students interested in preparing for the SAT exams. Along with learning to work more efficiently as a test-takers, participating students will soon be accruing vocabulary as emergent sesquipedalians.

**US History Class heading to NYC for Model UN** - Ten US History students are traveling to New York City to represent Tonga in the Model UN talks scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. After some initial disappointment at not being assigned to represent a larger nation, students have begun to regard Tonga as an ideal metaphor for their own small school. Although representing a small country among global leaders, Watershed’s students plan to bring their strong sense of community, knowledge, wisdom and unrelenting commitment to the proposed “talks.” Students have been practicing diligently in class by deliberating mock global crises, with each student advocating a different country’s political posture in relation to the staged global emergency. Go, Team Tonga!

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