

Friends of the **ARTS**

FRIENDS OF THE ARTS ISN'T JUST FOR THEATER ANYMORE! Be sure to check the “Back to School” forms and the CMH Memo for the Friends of the Arts membership form and the “goodies” you’ll receive for joining! Why should you join Friends of the Arts? Let me share with you a few great reasons.

ALL students benefit from Friends of the Arts (FOA)! When you hear about the arts, you may think about the visual arts and the amazing art show students put on every year. Maybe you think about the year-round drama opportunities- One Acts in the fall, Musical in the winter, and the Spring Play. Maybe the improvisation of Sticky Rhinoceros is more your interest. How about one of the instrumental or vocal groups? All these opportunities for students to get involved and families to enjoy are supported by FOA through your donations. However, you may be surprised to learn that we also support Project Lead the Way (PLTW) and Robotics. We even provide CMH Business student the opportunity to use their business skills and build their resumes by participating in the marketing and sales for CMH drama events.

Every year CMH has students who learn the craft of acting and go on to pursue theater beyond high school. We also have students who are athletes, future engineers, and everything in between who decide to take an art class, have fun doing the musical, or take advantage of any of the many ways to stretch their creative side. Of course, ALL students and their families are able to enjoy the highlights of the year; Fall Festival (One-Act Play, Sticky Rhinoceros and Jazz Band), Vocal/Instrumental Concerts, Art Show, Musical, PLTW Capstone Project Presentations, Robotics, Spring Play and so much more!

Friends of the Arts has a close working relationship with the leadership of each of the areas we support. FOA requests wish lists and provides the necessary funds to achieve all the success each of them brings out in their students! FOA has provided funds for busing, receptions, tools, cabinets, musical instruments, computers and even helped to fund our very successful robotics team to travel to St. Louis for the world competition. With the funding from Friends of the Arts, these leaders can provide necessary and complementary learning opportunities for our students.

So, WHY NOT join Friends of the Arts? Your student will definitely be touched in a positive way by this group enriching their high school experience. Look for memberships forms through the CMH Memo, or with the other Back to School forms, bring them in during Back to School Day and look forward to another exciting year of creative endeavors!