

present a play in the Fall, while students from Grades Nine through Twelve join forces on a full-length production in the Spring. One year the school play won the Massachusetts Regional High School Drama Contest and as a result a special performance was presented in Boston.

Equipment for productions is very complete. There are two indoor stages with dressing rooms, and two natural amphitheatres for outdoor performances. The students also attend plays at nearby schools and colleges, such as Williams and Smith.

### *Art*

Art is required in the Seventh and Eighth Grades, while the older students are encouraged to follow up their special interests. Instruction includes modeling, leather work, ceramics, sketching, sculpture, and oil and watercolor painting. A History of Art Course, open to all, covers pre-historic art to present day, by means of lectures and slides. Exhibitions of art reproductions are available through affiliation with museums in Pittsfield, Boston, and New York, and groups often visit nearby special exhibits.

The art studio, located in Beaupre Stage, is unusually well equipped for all types of activities. Students who cannot fit art into their regular schedules may take classes in the evenings or on weekends. All art instruction is included in the tuition fee.

### *Music*

Class instruction in piano, voice, and instruments is offered by the music department. Private lessons are available at additional cost. All study includes history, theory, listening, and performance. The school ensemble gives concerts while the very active chorus of fifty performs in local churches as well as in school recitals. There is also a good deal of informal musical activity, including community singing and guitar lessons.

### *Dance*

Students interested in dance are encouraged to study ballet or modern dance in nearby Pittsfield. The school stages informal square and folk dances frequently for the entire student body.

### *Shop*

The Shop, located in Beaupre Stage, is completely furnished with power tools for woodworking and metalwork. Students are supervised by an experienced instructor and are encouraged to work on special projects.