

ENGLISH HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

English High School Music Teacher: **David Carkner**



Soon after joining EHS in 2012, to compliment the music program, David established partnerships with Boston **Philharmonic** and **Berklee College of Music**. Teaching artists visit the school weekly to assist beginner students. This is the first exposure to playing an instrument for most EHS students.

**Biography:**

- ◇ 2012 began teaching part time at EHS
- ◇ 2013 Developed EHS band with only 6 members
- ◇ 2019 Marching Band has 45 members (only Marching Band in Boston)

**Education:**

- ◇ Mohonasen High School, Rotterdam, NY
- ◇ Berklee College of Music, Boston, MA \* 2012

**\* Lawrence Berk, EHS Class of 1927 founded Berklee College of Music in 1945. It was named after his son, Lee Eliot Berk.**



“My goal is to have 100 band and color guard members marching and competing in field shows. English High School is more like a family than any other school in which I have taught. I love music and I love my students. And as long as we all work hard we can reach this goal!”

*David Carkner, EHS Music Teacher*

The band has performed at Symphony Hall for the Mayor's State of the City Address, the Mayor's Jamaica Plain tree-lighting ceremony, TD Garden, City Hall, multiple other BPS school events, the Veteran's Day Parade, Roslindale Day Parade, Parkway Little League Parade, Dorchester Day Parade, and we host two major concerts per year here at The English High School. Not to mention the Alumni Reunion Dinners!



The EHS Marching Band Celebrating 30 years of partnership with City Year Boston

A sample of the EHS Drumline directed by David Carkner while performing at the 198 All-Class Reunion at The Lantana on November 14, 2019

