

ICHABOD CRANE HIGH SCHOOL
2011-2012 CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Crane Acting Troupe

Gail Helfer – Advisor

Music Suite

The Crane Acting Troupe was organized after two successful seasons of summer musical productions in 1994 & 1996 at Ichabod Crane. The Troupe is a co-curricular activity open to students in grades 7 through 12 under the advisement of music and theatre teacher Gail Helfer.

Each year students in the Acting Troupe have the opportunity to attend workshops on auditioning skills, costuming, make-up, and stage crafts. Members of the Crane Acting Troupe are not only performers, but also technical staff and crew members interested in the many tasks associated with theatre, both onstage and backstage.

Community assistance is welcome and has been growing over the years, which provides an opportunity for the expertise of adults to be shared with the students.

Seniors have received the New York State Theatre Education Association's 'Certificates of Excellence' in theatre. Several seniors have served as interns at the New York State Theatre Institute. Alumni of the Crane Acting Troupe have continued their studies in theatre, musical theatre, dance, arts administration, stage management, technical theatre, and scenic design. Recent graduates of these programs have obtained employment for the Barter Theatre, sound management for the World Tour of "The Cure", Scenic Design at Capital Repertory Co., Off Broadway Musical Theatre and Summer Stock.

In 2009 a cast of 70 students and crew of over 30 students and community volunteers made it possible to produce GREASE. All performances were sold out!

IC High School Art Club

Laura Cannamela – Advisor

The HS Art Club is open to all interested students and provides a supportive environment where students can work on individual and/or group projects that they would be unable to complete within the regularly scheduled art classes, due to technical or spatial considerations (i.e. mosaic, earth art sculpture).

In the past the Art Club has arranged field trips to art centers such as MassMoca, Storm King, and DiaBeacon

Art Club members are given the opportunity to participate in area art exhibits and competitions, including NYSATA's Portfolio Project in the spring. This program is a visual art adjudication in which students prepare and present a portfolio of art projects.

Art club meetings in the fall this year will focus on creating ceramic bowls to sell at our Empty Bowls Supper, a fundraiser to benefit the Valatie Food Pantry which will take place in early February of 2010.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

French Club

Scott Payne, Advisor

Members of the French Club utilize and try to increase their knowledge of the French language and culture by visiting the two largest French-speaking cities nearest to our school, Quebec and Montreal, Canada.

The members sponsor fundraisers such as the Talent Show to defray costs for those trips and by selling cookie dough and cheesecakes. We try to focus on practical items that appeal to a broad spectrum of our school district.

The Quebec trip is taken every two years during the Memorial Day weekend, while the trip to Montréal is every other year. Usually, it is the second Saturday in May.

As membership increases, there will be more community oriented activities added.

Spanish Club

Sylvia Ellis – Advisor

Room 225

Members of the Spanish Club utilize and try to increase their knowledge of the Spanish language through after school activities and community service.

Members of the Club this year will meet and plan the fun-filled activities for the school year!

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GAC – Girls Athletic Council

Tracey Nytransky – Advisor

HS Gym

This is a club dedicated to female athletes who want to be involved in fundraising activities, community service, and a very reputable club that does many things in the school and community.

In order to gain entrance into the GAC, girls must:

Get three recommendations: Two from teachers and one from a coach;

Participate in at least two sports a school year. This could include scorekeeping and managing a team as well as full participation;

Meet all the requirements and characteristics necessary to become members.

There is a one-day initiation where long-time members of the GAC dress up the new applicants in costumes with different themes. The new 'pledges' must wear the costume all day during their class time. In the past, there have been cartoon characters, food items, and barn animals. It is a fun day and the girls are excited to participate.

Once a young lady becomes a member of GAC, she must be a strong participant to remain in the group. GAC has an excellent reputation for helping girls stay involved in sports and their school studies. Members are encouraged to do well in school, and some are members of the National Honor Society. We do a variety of activities such as, Walk-A-Thons, car washes, Christmas parties, the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament and other events during the school year that require participation.

At the end of each school year, the GAC has a very large and extensive banquet that honors the members of all the female ICC sports from the JV and Varsity levels that occur during the entire school year. During sports participation, girls earn points for every sport and level that they participate in. At the banquet, there are awards for high point winner, "done most for GAC" and many more awards. With the fundraising done throughout the school year by all the members, the GAC is able to pay for all the awards presented at the banquet. The GAC is also proud to award scholarships to graduating seniors to help defray college expenses.



"THE GALLERY" – Literary Magazine

–Advisor

The literary magazine, The Gallery, is a forum for creative, original writing and artwork from ICCHS students and faculty. Everyone is encouraged to experience the thrill of seeing his or her work in print.

We accept all sorts of writing - short stories, poetry, creative nonfiction, graphic stories, and artwork - drawings, photographs, photos of sculpture, etc. Students may submit as many artistic pieces as they'd like, to be used at the discretion of the editors. Submissions are returned to the students after they are used.



Habitat for Humanity Club

Randy Goold & Judy Bury – Co-Advisors
Room 314

Club members meet once a month on the first Monday of the month after school in Room 314.

Club activities include:

- fundraising for the construction of a Habitat house in Columbia County
- working on the building site on Saturdays
- helping others in need in our community

This is an excellent volunteer program for students to reach out and help people in their own local communities. Members should be committed to attend the monthly meetings, help with the fundraising and/or work on the construction site of the Habitat house being built.

Library Council

Michelle Pullen, Advisor

Library Council is available to students who wish to work in the library. You will learn how to check books in and out, help process books, create bulletin boards, read and review new books and much more.

Participation enables students to earn recognition for their efforts. We have a very flexible schedule. Sign up in the library.

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Ichabod Crane 'RIDERS' Marching Band & Color Guard

Robert Richburg – Advisor Allyson Dawes White – Advisors
Music Suite Alison Becker

This extra-curricular activity is open to:

- ALL HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT BAND MEMBERS
- H.S. INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STUDENTS THAT COULD NOT FIT BAND INTO THEIR SCHEDULE
- 8TH GRADE BAND MEMBERS
- IC STUDENTS GRADES 8-12 THAT WISH TO JOIN COLOR GUARD*
- IC STUDENTS GRADES 6-12 THAT WISH TO JOIN HONOR GUARD** OR AUXILIARY SQUAD**

REHEARSALS ARE HELD ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN THE FALL & SPRING FROM 6:30-8:30P.M. IN THE HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC SUITE

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME DURING SUMMER BAND CAMP IN AUGUST AND THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

** This squad provides a variety of spins, movements, and silk positions, which are choreographed to the musical selections.*

*** This squad carries the Lead Banner, State Flag & American Flag as well as pushing the Bass Amp Cart.*

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NCBI – National Coalition Building Institute

Beth Miller & Joanne Trapanese, Co-Advisors
Room 304 & 308

NCBI is an internationally based leadership training organization aimed at welcoming diversity and reducing discrimination within the school community. Ichabod Crane High School is proud to be an NCBI School Affiliate Team in coordination with Chatham, Hudson, Hyde Park and New Lebanon Schools.

NCBI operates by recruiting and training an in-house team, made up of students and staff, who serve as on-site diversity trainers and "attitude-shifters" when instances of bullying, name-calling or other prejudices occur or are observed at school.

In addition to the *Prejudice Reduction Workshop* training, some other NCBI activities may include:

Fundraising events including Hat Day & Button making

Weekly homeroom meetings for planning and discussion

Hosting after school meetings with "invited friends" to share the NCBI philosophy

Various culture appreciation events

NCBI philosophy is based on 3 levels of leadership:

Self-awareness: checking our own "records" (Stereotypes) and behavior

Being an ally: Understanding and supporting others

School Leadership: Teaching the workshop, identifying issues and/or activities to become involved with at school that will help create a more caring school environment.

Recruiting for the 2009-2010 *Prejudice Reduction Workshops* will begin as early as October and continue throughout the year.

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Peer Mediation

Penny Barlow, Advisor

Peer Mediation is a panel of students that use the process of conflict resolution, with all parties, involved to implement a solution that is fair to everyone.

Students are trained in the Peer Mediation process to become a mediator of their peers to assist students in need of conflict resolution.

The process is often used in colleges to help prevent school violence along with ethnicity and gender sensitivity. This method is also used by judges in civil court cases.

This training is also helpful in a student's everyday life to help them solve their own conflicts (both good and bad).

Mediators should be students who are able to keep information confidential. It qualifies for service to school and community on school transcripts and for national honor society.

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SAVE - Students Against Violating the Earth

**Alissa Ferlito – Advisor
Room 411**

SAVE is an environmental club to help educate students about our environment and how we all can help to preserve it.

Members have participated in the Envirothon the past 4 years, which is like an environmental Odyssey of the Mind. Students are entered in groups of five and are assigned to different stations to answer questions about the environment. They also need to research a problem and give a 10-minute presentation.

Some of our past activities include:

**cleaning up school grounds;
going to the stream and observing 'critters' in the stream;
snowshoeing;
collect pennies to help preserve the rainforest;
collect pet food for the local animal shelter;
selling environmental t-shirts and recycled products;
doing presentations in the primary school classrooms;
trips to the Boston Aquarium;
the Biodome in Montreal; and
visiting the Bronx Zoo in NYC;
collect can tabs to give to the Shriners Children's Hospital.**

Members are also in charge of picking up the recycled papers, cans, and bottles every Friday morning during homeroom.

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Ski & Snowboard Club

**Todd DiGrigoli, High School Advisor
Craig Shull, Middle School Advisor**

Ski Club members travel by school bus to Jiminy Peak Ski Resort on Friday nights starting in January. A total of six trips are planned with weather permitting.

The club is open to all enrolled Ichabod Crane students in grades 6-12. Information packets and registration forms will be available in the High School and Middle School Main Offices around October 1st.

The fees are as follows:

**\$155 for High School lift ticket.
\$160 for Middle School Lift ticket and Lesson (which is required)
\$ 63 for skis, boots and poles rentals
\$ 88 for snow board and boots rental
Transportation fee will be announced in packet.
Season pass holders need only to pay for the transportation fee.**

SPECTRUM – Select Vocal Ensemble

David Bulan – Advisor
Music Suite

“Spectrum”, the ICHS select vocal ensemble, is made up of students who successfully pass a vocal audition in early September. Ensemble members must be proficient in music reading skills and have strong vocal ability. Spectrum participates in 2 public school performances per year and rehearses after school on Mondays.

Please see Mr. Bulan in the Music Suite for more information.



Stage Crew

Robert Richburg – Advisor
Music Suite

This extra-curricular activity is open to all High School Students in Grades 9-12.

STUDENTS WILL LEARN ABOUT BASIC LIGHTING AND SOUND AS WELL AS ASSISTING WITH THE SETUP & THE RUNNING OF EVENTS THAT OCCUR IN THE H.S. ADUTORIUM DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

MEMBERS WILL MEET DAILY IN STAGE CREW HOMEROOM AS WELL AS AFTER SCHOOL AS NEEDED.

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME, AND MUST SIGNUP BEFORE THE END OF THE FIRST FULL WEEK OF SCHOOL.



Student Council

Linda Knight & Meredith Freebern – Advisors
Room 110

This is a service club. Money is raised by selling snacks before or after school, by sponsoring a school dance, by selling pies before Thanksgiving, etc.

The money that is raised is used to buy items for the school; ie, fans or treat the students to free ice cream in the spring.

Elections are held as soon as school starts in September.



Varsity Club

Michelle Pullen – Advisor

The Varsity Club is an all-male student athletic organization that does fund raising for all ICC sports. To become a member, a young man needs to have participated in one Varsity sport and receive his Varsity letter.

They are responsible to attend meetings, participate in the fund raising, and work the inside and outside concession stands during the sports seasons. The members are also responsible for organizing the awards & recognition banquet for all male athletes at the end of the school year.

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ICC Yearbook

Sandy Harrington & Gail Himmelstein – Advisors

Room 102

Yearbook is a club that is organized and run by students which requires the highest level of commitment of all the clubs from its members.

Yearbook is about recording the events and the life of the school district during the school year. It is a huge responsibility requiring a lot of hard work and dedication that can be great fun and very rewarding when the yearbook is complete.

Some of the duties of yearbook members include attending regularly scheduled meetings, decision making, organizing photo shoots, photographing people and school events, and designing yearbook pages. This takes dedication and teamwork.

Yearbook club begins the spring before the year of the Yearbook (ie. begins Spring 2006 for Yearbook of 2007-2008.) Meetings often take place during the summer before the start of the year (ie. summer of 2006).