



### About the *Alumni Connection*

The Alumni Connection, an electronic newsletter, is designed to inform Ichabod Crane Alumni of what is happening in the District. The newsletter will be posted on the District's Alumni Web page at [www.ichabodcrane.org/alumni.html](http://www.ichabodcrane.org/alumni.html) and will be sent electronically to all alumni on our e-mail list. If you would like to receive an e-mail update, submit your e-mail address to [icalumni@ichabodcrane.org](mailto:icalumni@ichabodcrane.org).

*James P. Dexter, Superintendent*

*September 2008*

## ICC FIELD DEDICATION PLANNED

The Ichabod Crane School District will officially dedicate the new, upgraded athletic complex to **E. Gordon Van Buren**, long-time Teacher, Coach, Athletic Director and Vice-Principal at Ichabod Crane. On August 5, 2008, the Board of Education unanimously passed a resolution naming the new complex in honor of Mr. Van Buren. A press release announcing the event can be found at [www.ichabodcrane.org](http://www.ichabodcrane.org). Please join "Gordie," his family, honored guests, current and former staff members, the Ichabod Crane Riders Marching Band, and our student body to **"honor the past, celebrate the present, and look to the future"** on **September 27, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.** A BBQ reception, sponsored by the ICC Sports Booster Club, will be held following the ceremony. Also, the day will be filled with sports events, including two evening soccer games. All of the athletic contests will be against Maple Hill. All alumni and community members are invited "home" for this opportunity to celebrate Gordie's significant contribution to Ichabod Crane's students, and to cheer our current student body onto victory!

## ICC Riders Earn Championships

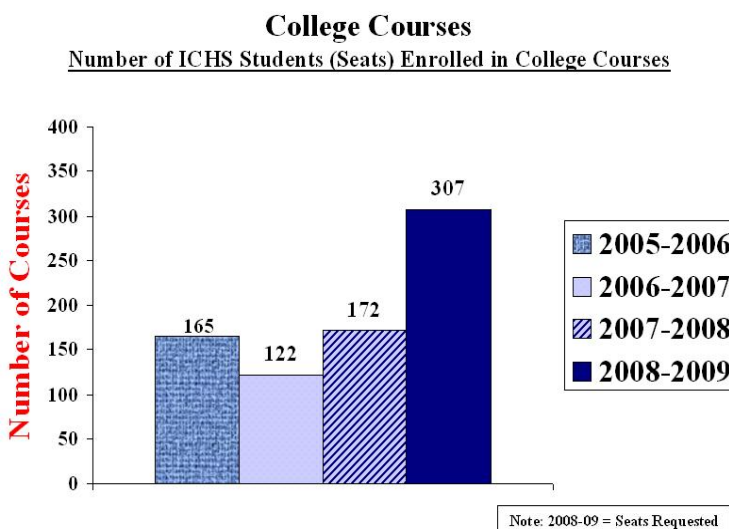
During the past school year (2007-2008), 14 of 21 varsity athletic teams achieved scholar-athlete status (team average of 90% or better) while capturing nine Patroon Conference titles. Also, the boys' cross country, boys' tennis, and baseball teams won Section 2 Championships.

For the current fall sports season, approximately 305 students are participating in cross country, field hockey, golf, boys' and girls' soccer, girls' tennis, and girls' volleyball. The first junior varsity game of the pilot football program was played this year on September 8 against Cobleskill-Richmondville. ICC scored two touchdowns at this historic event!

## College Courses Offered at ICBS

Last school year, the High School administration, in collaboration with Columbia-Greene Community College, implemented a number of new courses. These courses are taught at the High School and yield col-

lege credit. The chart below illustrates the increase in the number of students who are taking these courses. This is one of many initiatives the District is taking to increase academic achievement and to prepare our students for the future.



Information has been posted on Ichabod Crane's Alumni Web page for the classes of 1998, 1989, 1983, 1982, 1979 and 1978. Don't forget to notify us about your reunion information, and we will announce it on the Web site at [www.ichabodcrane.org/alumni.html](http://www.ichabodcrane.org/alumni.html).