

# ♪ TEMPO NOTES ♪

♪ DECEMBER 2008 ♪

## **5<sup>TH</sup> Grade News:**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus update:** The fifth grade chorus is excited to announce that they will be singing "God Bless America" at an Albany Conquest game. This will take place at the Times Union Center in Albany on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 5PM. The Albany Conquest will be taking on the Philadelphia Phantoms. The Times Union Center was so pleased with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade chorus's performance at an Albany River Rats game last spring; they have been invited to perform again!

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band update:** This year's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade band students have been working very hard to prepare for their winter concert and earning colored yarns as they progress through their lesson books. Students started out in September learning how to assemble, care for, keep a steady beat and make a sound on their instruments. Now they can play songs with five or six notes, more complex rhythms and two or more independent parts.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Chorus Winter Concert:** Our performing groups have worked very hard in preparation for this performance. For many of the 5<sup>th</sup> graders, this will be the first time they have performed on their instruments or sang in front of a large audience. The band and chorus will be performing a 2<sup>nd</sup> concert for students and teachers on Friday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Martin H. Glynn Elementary School Gym.

### **A Special Thank you to:**

*Crazy Daisy* for the beautiful wreaths and  
*Remi Gaylord* for the beautiful quilt  
for our raffle this evening that supports our music  
scholarships!

## **Middle School News:**

**Notes from Ms Seaver:** This fall the middle school has been very busy getting the year off and running. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders have easily made the transition to the middle school and continue to work hard. They are very enthusiastic about band and we

enjoy our time in both lessons and band. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band has 120 students strong and I'm very happy to see how much they have progressed over the last 3 months. The jazz band is full of energy and excited about every rehearsal. The music they will be performing is much harder than I like to hand out for the 1<sup>st</sup> concert, so they are very proud to share it with you. During this holiday season, I encourage your children to share their gift of music with all of you. The best audience is a proud mom, dad or grandparent. If you are thinking of purchasing music items for your children please feel free to contact me about ideas. Woodwind players always need reeds, brass players always lose their oil bottles, and percussionists can never have too many sticks. A music stand or extra fun music books are great gift ideas.

**Notes from Shana Dean:** As the newest member of the music department, I am very pleased to be working with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade clarinet and flute players in lessons. I've also had the pleasure of meeting a few 6<sup>th</sup> grade woodwind groups. Although we find ourselves plunging into December, I continually look forward to the Ongoing process of getting to know your children!

**Thank you to Hannaford for their help with refreshment for the students!**

***Congratulations to Shiloh Turek and Arielle Lant who are performing in the Melodies of Christmas at Proctors!***

***The Riders Marching Band are selling Entertainment Books as a Fundraiser!! These discount coupon books offer as much as 50% savings at well known restaurants, hotels, sporting events, theaters, movies, concerts, and more!  
Help support the ICCS Music Students!***

## High School News.....

**Area All State Festival:** Nineteen students for the ICHS Music Dept. were selected to attend the NYSSMA Area All State Festival on Nov. 21-22 at the Beacon HS. In order to be selected to participate, the students were required to prepare and perform a solo for a NYSSMA judge, as well as sight read a short melody. Students representing Ichabod Crane were: Christopher Alarcon, Aubrie Baker, Katie Brady, Karolyn Eberhardt, James Farrell, Zach Fenoff, Julian Greene, Andrew Hunter, Arielle Lant, Katie Leinung, Ryan McDermott, Katie Noll, Kathryn Raftery, Samantha Smith, Lars Soderstrom, William Valley, Katarina Varriale, Kenneth Wengler, and Rebecca Zander.

**Conference All State Festival:** Karolyn Eberhardt and Katarina Varriale (All State Choir) were selected to represent Ichabod Crane at the NYSSMA Winter Conference All State Festival in Rochester NY. IN order to be selected to participate in the festival, students were required to audition on a Level 6 solo, and sight read a short passage for a NYSSMA judge. Only the highest scoring students in NYS were selected to perform at the event. After several days of intensive rehearsals, the festival culminated with a concert at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester NY. Lars Soderstrom was selected as an alternate for All State Band.

### **CRANE ACTING TROUPE NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!**

**Did you miss something?** Only a few parents attended the December 1<sup>st</sup> parent meeting. So note that all parents of Crane Acting Troupe members should attend the next meeting on **Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the High School.** The Acting Troupe is in desperate need of parent volunteers in order for the show to go on!!!

### **Marching Band News.....**

The Ichabod Crane 'Riders' Marching Band under the direction of Mr. Richburg and Color Guard Advisor Alyson White made its fall debut in the North Adams Fall Foliage Festival Parade on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. The Band led by Drum Majors Chelsea Bell, Karolyn Eberhardt & Kenny Wengler and the Color guard Captains Alicia Cowin and Karyn Seymour, traveled to Albany NY on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> for the

Columbus Day Parade and then to Woonsocket RI on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> to appear in the Northern RI Autumn fest Parade. On Monday May 25<sup>th</sup> the 'Riders' marching band will perform in the Hometown Memorial Day Parade.

On Saturday Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> the marching band traveled to U-Mass Amherst to learn from and perform with the Power and Class of New England, the University of Massachusetts Minuteman Marching Band! In the early morning, 65 bands from across New England, NY, NJ, and PA joined the Minuteman Band in an intense rehearsal for the program which was performed 4 hours later before a crowd of 17,000 fans at the U-Mass Minutemen vs. Bryant Bulldogs football game halftime show. The marching band worked with 3 of the nations most recognized band specialists and will become an annual event!



The Crane Acting Troupe at the Brooks Atkinson Theatre in NYC on 11/7/08 took in a performance of GREASE!



### **PARTY WITH POP ROCK CIRCUS!**

On Fri. Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 "Pop Rock Circus" will be performing in the Ichabod Crane Middle School Cafeteria. PRC is made of Musicians from the Albany area including Ichabod Cranes own Miss Amy Giammattei and Mr. Steve Werthner, performing music from the 70's thru today! The party starts at 7pm and ends at 10pm. To purchase tickets, pick up an order from Miss Giammattei, Miss Seaver, or Mr. Werthner!