



The Ichabod Crane music department is happy to announce we will be bringing back live, in-person, winter concerts! The 5th grade band is excited to perform on their instruments for the very first time! Since our ensembles couldn't perform live last year, the 6th graders are very eager to have their first concert, as well. In the meantime, veteran middle school and high school musicians are happy to be performing in front of friends and family again. Staff and students hope to spread some Rider Pride and bring families together with music to celebrate the holiday season.

In order to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our students, staff, and community, we have certain protocols that have been developed in conjunction with the Columbia County Department of Health and are in accordance with our District Health and Safety Plan.

For those in the audience, please remember that mask use is mandatory in the building. We ask that families be seated together. Families assume the responsibility of maintaining physical distancing from other parties. Tickets must be requested in advance, and only ticket holders will be permitted to enter the auditorium. The order form has been sent home to each family by their child's music teacher.

For performers, mask and/or bell covers must be used inside the building, and all physical distancing protocols will continue to be followed.

The ICC music department is thrilled to be returning to in-person concerts after a 2 year hiatus. The students have been working hard to prepare the music, and are excited to share it with their family and friends!

Please find a link to the rider report which includes concert information. <https://www.smores.com/hz94t>

## Music Department Winter Concert Dates:

Wednesday, December 8th  
7th and 8th Grade  
Concert, 6:30PM

Wednesday,  
December 15th  
5th Grade Concert, 6:30PM

Wednesday, December 15th  
6th Grade Concert, 7:30PM

Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>  
High School Concert, 6:30PM



Gail Nadeem Helfer  
Artistic Director  
The Crane Acting Troupe

"....Theatre programs are more vital than ever, given their ability to support the social and emotional well-being of students in this time of great change and trauma"

Educational Theatre Association

## High School Music Program

The High School music department is excited to offer many options for students to continue their music education. All incoming freshmen should consider participating in our performing arts groups, the Crane Chorale or the concert band. Jazz Band is within the concert band block and additional opportunities are available to those enrolled in the performance ensembles. It is never too late to return to singing or playing an instrument. Be sure to ask for these classes when you meet with your school counselor to create your schedule. In addition to the performing arts groups, we also offer Music Theory 1, 2 & 3 as well as our newest offering, Guitar 1. The Guitar 1 class is open to all students who want to learn how to play the guitar. Guitars will be provided. If you have any questions about the High School music program, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Edwards

([jedwards@ichabodcrane.org](mailto:jedwards@ichabodcrane.org)) or Ms. Eberhardt ([keberhardt@ichabodcrane.org](mailto:keberhardt@ichabodcrane.org)).

## Middle School Music Program

The 6th grade band, 7/8 band, and 7/8 Jazz Band have eagerly been preparing for our winter concerts! We are so excited to make music with each other once again and exhibit an excellent performance for our community. We have prepared some great tunes, including *Jingle Bell Jamboree*, *Theme from "Jurassic Park"*, *Music from "Frozen,"* and *"Hot Chocolate"* from the Polar Express! Thank you to all students, families, and staff for your encouragement and support these past few months. We would not have been able to do this without you. Enjoy the performances and have a wonderful holiday season!



## AREA ALL-STATE FESTIVAL



Seven students from the Ichabod Crane High School Music Department were selected to attend the NYSSMA Area All-State Festival on November 19 & 20 at the Brewster Central School District in Brewster, N.Y. In order to be selected to participate in the festival, each student was required to prepare and perform a solo for the Virtual NYSSMA adjudicators. The highest scoring students in Dutchess, Putnam & Columbia Counties were selected to participate in this event. Students participated in intense rehearsals on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. The experience culminated in a concert on Saturday afternoon under the direction of conductors from New York and beyond. Students representing Ichabod Crane in Concert Band were: Abby Trinkle - piccolo, Julia Saxby - bass clarinet, Logan Johnson - percussion and Samara Regan - percussion. Students representing Ichabod Crane in Choir were: Victoria Slade, Annabel Cleary, and Liam Curry.





## The ICPS Music Room is alive with the Sounds of Music!



This year, we are so happy to be back in the music room here at the Primary School! Students are taking full advantage of the music classroom while keeping all the necessary safety precautions in place. Students are in the music room, singing new songs, dancing and moving to music, and playing music games. Some of their favorite games so far have been Doggy Doggy, Where's your Bone!, Fairies and Giants, and Closet Key. This year, each grade had the awesome opportunity to sing together as a grade level for the Gratitude Rock Ceremony in October. Students are getting excited to come together as an entire school, outside, for the Holiday Sing-Along on December 22nd, because according to Buddy the Elf, "the best way to spread holiday cheer, is singing loud for all to hear!". Feel free to reach out to me at [ofaure@ichabodcrane.org](mailto:ofaure@ichabodcrane.org).



## Marching Band

The Ichabod Crane Riders Marching Band spent two weeks during August preparing for the upcoming Fall 2021 marching season. Covid-19 safety protocols kept the group distanced but the time together was exactly what the band needed after being apart since November 2019. The newest addition to the Riders Marching Band is the brand new uniforms! The process of designing and purchasing new uniforms started in November 2019 and was finally brought to fruition in June 2021. FJM Uniforms went above and beyond to make sure we had a new set of uniforms we would be proud to wear. In a last minute addition to our schedule, the local 9/11 parade and ceremony was our first event with our new uniforms. The band and colorguard members looked sharp and the new uniforms were a source of pride.

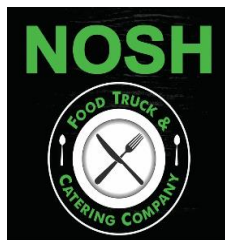


The Marching Band's Fall schedule started with a Friday night football game on 10/1, parade in North Adams on Sunday, 10/3 then an all day, massive marching band gathering at UMASS at Amherst on 10/9. The marching band had two crazy weeks of events but each one was an important return to performing live music again. We will begin our Spring season in April and new members will have the opportunity to join us for the local Memorial Day parade. Color Guard and Marching band is looking for new members and it is open to students in grade 7-12.

The marching band is only possible with the help of our volunteers, supportive parents, network of alumni and a community who supports our school district. TEMPO has been a constant source of support and we are thankful for their recent purchase of new color guard flags.



The Ichabod Crane Riders Marching Band would like to offer special thanks to its Fall 2021 corporate sponsors! Each of these sponsors were extremely generous and kept our band well fed!



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TEMPO (To encourage Music Participation Organization) is a parent – community organization that fosters enthusiasm for music and the performing arts in our school district and community. We support the music and performing arts department in a variety of ways. Please contact us for information about our various events and volunteer opportunities. Our fundraisers help fill gaps in the budget for our teachers and advisors. This includes sheet music, instrument repair, Band Olympics prizes, food for students and volunteers at various events, and much, much more... Our members and families offer an extra helping hand to teachers and advisors to enhance student experiences in all areas of music and the arts.

We also offer Jeff Lovell Memorial Scholarship(s) each year to graduating seniors pursuing the arts in college.

Kathy Dady, President

Melanie Moon, Vice President

Anne Krizar, Treasurer

Melissa Schieren, Secretary

TEMPO usually meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the High School library at 7 pm.

**New members are always welcome!**

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