



To Encourage Music
Participation Organization

Ichabod Crane CSD December 2023

TEMPO is a booster organization that supports
The Performing Arts in the Ichabod Crane School District



Thank you all for supporting the student performers, faculty, staff & volunteers. We are all looking forward to seeing all of the smiling faces and hearing the wonderful music they will be sharing. We want to take this opportunity to acknowledge some of the generous donations TEMPO has received. Hannaford Bros. (Water), Boy Scout Troop 113 (Centerpieces), Hewitt's Garden Center (wreaths), Remi Gaylord (Quilt) & Crane Acting Troupe (42nd Street Thursday night Show tickets). Special thanks to all of our teachers, volunteers & parents for all you do. Best wishes for a joyous holiday season & a Happy New Year 2024!

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Music Department Winter Concert Dates:

Tuesday, December 12th

5th Grade Concert, 6:30PM

6th Grade Concert, 7:30PM

Thursday, December 14th

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

Tuesday, December 19th

High School Concert, 6:30PM



Box Office opens March 4th

Box Office Hours: M-Fri 6:30-8:30

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

Music Program at the High School Level

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 High School Chorus 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 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) or Ms. Eberhardt (keberhardt@ichabodcrane.org).

AREA ALL-STATE FESTIVAL

Two students from the Ichabod Crane High School Music Department were selected to attend the NYSSMA Area All-State Festival on November 17 & 18 at the Carmel Central School District in Carmel, N.Y. In order to be selected to participate in the festival, each student was required to prepare and perform a solo for the 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 Choir were: Lauren Stigi and John Farley.



ALL STATE FESTIVAL

One student from the Ichabod Crane High School Music Department, Lauren Stigi, was selected to attend the NYSSMA All-State Festival on November 30th - December 3rd in Rochester, N.Y. In order to be selected to participate in the festival, each student was required to prepare and perform a level six solo for the NYSSMA adjudicators. Only students who receive a perfect or near perfect score are eligible to be selected. Lauren participated in intense rehearsals on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The experience culminated in a concert on Sunday morning under the direction of prestigious conductors from all over the country.



Carolyn Eberhardt &
Lauren Stigi



Conductor Dr. Gary
Packwood, Lauren Stigi &
Dr. Brandon Boyd



Marching Band

The Ichabod Crane Riders Marching Band spent two weeks during August preparing for the upcoming Fall 2023 marching season. The Marching Band's Fall schedule started with Friday night football games, parade in North Adams on Sunday, 10/1 then an all day, massive marching band gathering at UMASS at Amherst on 10/7. The marching band had two crazy weeks of events but each one was a blast. 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 support.

The Ichabod Crane Riders Marching Band would like to offer special thanks to its Fall 2023 corporate sponsor: Hannaford. Our sponsor was extremely generous and kept our band well fed!



ICMS Band News

For more than 30 years, music education has become the focus of schools across the nation during the month of March. NYSSMA coordinates a month-long festival at the Empire State Plaza where music ensembles from across the state apply to perform, reminding citizens that school is where all children should have access to music. The Ichabod Crane 7th & 8th Grade Band and Chorus are performing on Thursday, March 14th at 11:30am. This performance is open to the public-- all are welcome!

Pedro Lopez has been selected to perform in the NYSBDA Middle School Honor Band, an ensemble of the top-performing middle school band students from across the state. He will spend March 1st & 2nd in Syracuse rehearsing and collaborating with peers in preparation of the ensemble's performance on Saturday, March 2nd. This year's guest conductor is Dr. Cheldon Williams, Associate Director of Bands at West Virginia University. We send Pedro our best as he embarks on this musical journey! We are looking forward to having our students participate in another season of All-County and NYSSMA. Here are the dates for this year's festivals:

March 6th & 8th: Elementary Band / Junior Chorus / HS band @ Taconic Hills CSD

April 10th & 12th: Elementary Chorus / Junior Band / HS chorus @ Chatham HS

May 3rd & 4th: NYSSMA Solo Festival @ Pine Plains HS

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and I'm excited to keep making music in 2024!

Musically,

Ms. Alessandra Shellard
ICMS Band Director



We Go Together Ichabod Crane



January 19th at 7PM
High School Auditorium

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 & Jackie Stigi,
Treasurers

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!