

K-12 Art at Ichabod Crane CSD

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OUR TEACHERS

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GRADES K-3

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TANYA HAMM
JESSICA MASCOLO

GRADES 4-8

MS

HS

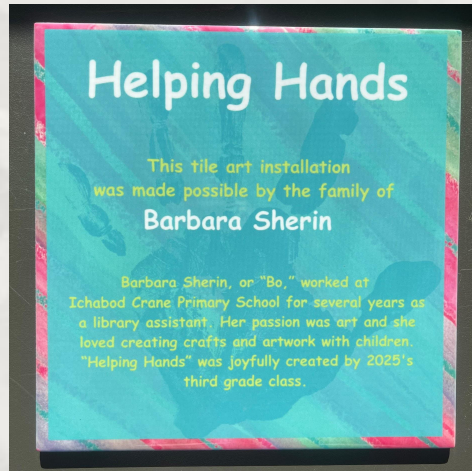
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GRADES 9-12



The wonderful things we're doing in the art room....

Honoring beloved ICC staff members through creativity.



Primary School, Grades K-3

Feathers of Intention

Students participated in a meaningful community-based project where each artist created a unique feather to represent a personal goal they've set for the school year.

These individual feathers have been combined to form a vibrant pair of wings - a powerful reminder of their collective strength.

Just as every feather is essential to the wings' ability to soar, each student plays an important role in helping our school community reach new heights. This project celebrates individuality, goal setting, and the way we lift each other up to achieve more together.



Elementary & Middle School,
Grades 4-7

Students from High School Drawing & Painting class worked with local artist, Ramiro Davaro-Comas, to collaborate on the Transportation building mural.



Finding joy through art making...



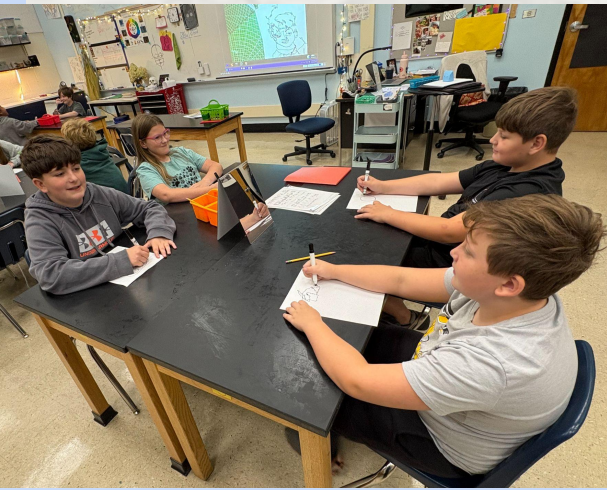
**...Using art as a means of self-expression,
investigation and therapy**

Exploring the World Through Art

Raising global awareness through experience and exposure
to the Natural World



Providing
opportunities for
students to observe
the world through
their own unique lens



Practicing flexibility in thinking through

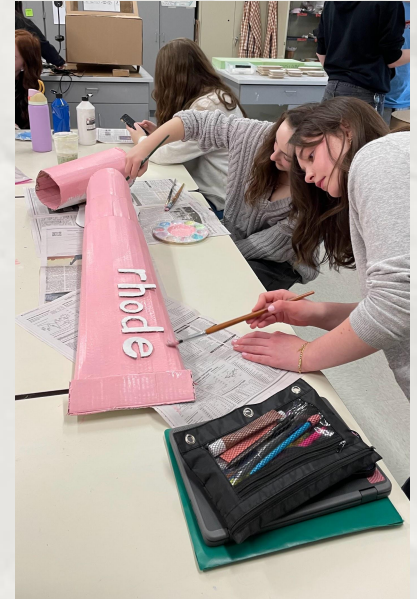
brainstorming, trial and error
and risk taking



Reflecting on artwork

allowing moments of
self-awareness and
self-understanding
through exposure to
historical and
contemporary art





Providing an environment that allows students to be confident in their ideas, who they are and what they believe in.

What's new since 2022?

- Kilns in all three buildings
- Two new courses in the High School: Distance Learning Art History & Digital Illustration
- New sinks in the Middle School art rooms
- Elizabeth Rossback has been hosting High School interns in the Primary school
- The department has welcomed Tanya Hamm to the Middle School. We said goodbye to Mary Kapusinky and Shayna Vecchione.



New York State Learning Standards for the



TOGETHER WE • CREATE • PRESENT
PERFORM • RESPOND • CONNECT
PRODUCE

Following the NYS Learning Standards for the Arts

PRIMARY SCHOOL

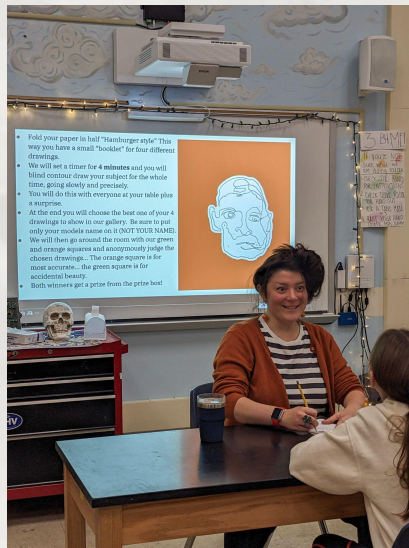
Ms. Rossback is passionate about creating an environment that sparks joy and promotes social emotional learning, as well as providing students with the basic building blocks of art.

An installation of tile art made K-3 will soon be displayed in five locations throughout the Primary school building. This work was fired in the new kiln now stationed in the Primary school.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ms. Hamm joined our department this year and is working in the Elementary School to provide students with a wide range of creative experiences.

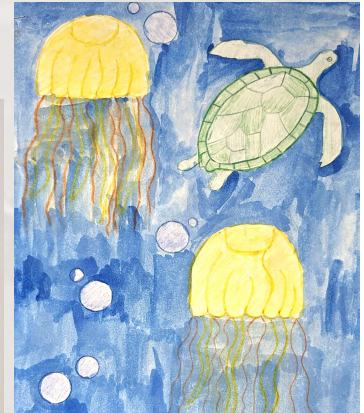
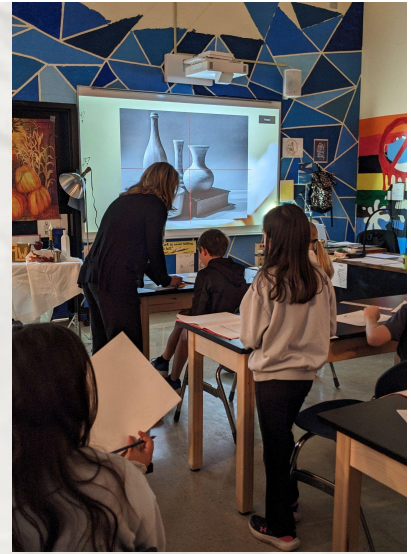


MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students continue to critically view major artworks. They are encouraged to problem-solve and create their own unique work with the techniques and perspectives they've learned.

Lessons are designed to allow for play.

Advanced 8th Grade Art gives students $\frac{1}{2}$ High School art credit, giving more opportunities for students in High School.



HIGH SCHOOL

Studio A / Studio B (Graduation Credit)

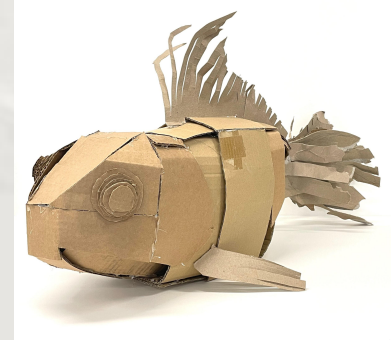
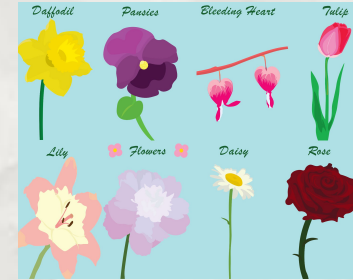
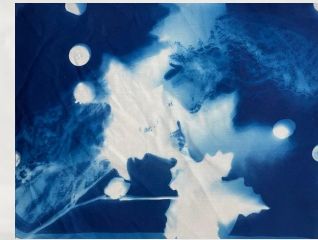
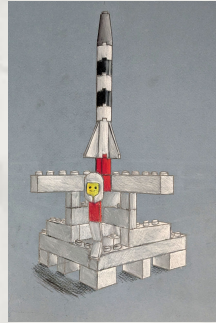
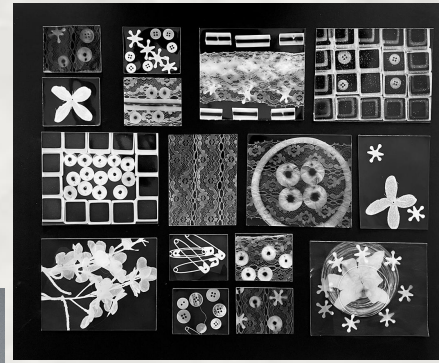
Photoshop
Graphic Design
Digital Illustration

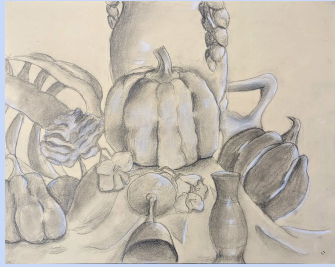
Photography
Advanced Photography

Drawing and Painting
Advanced Drawing and Painting (CGCC)

Ceramics
Sculpture
Advanced Sculpture and Ceramics (CGCC)

Humanities
Distance Learning Art History (CGCC)





ART COURSES

ADVANCED 8TH
GRADE ART
(STUDIO A)

OR

STUDIO A

STUDIO B

DRAWING &
PAINTING

ADVANCED DRAWING &
PAINTING (CGCC - 6
CREDITS)

CERAMICS
SCULPTURE

ADVANCED CERAMICS &
SCULPTURE (CGCC - 3
CREDITS)

PHOTOGRAPHY

ADVANCED PHOTOGRAPHY

PHOTOSHOP

DIGITAL ILLUSTRATION

GRAPHIC DESIGN

ADVANCED DIGITAL ART

DL ART HISTORY (CGCC - 3
CREDITS)



HIGH SCHOOL

We've added two new courses since our last presentation; Digital Illustration & DL Art History.

Teachers are focused on teaching students to think creatively. Lessons are designed to help students learn how to think critically, problem solve, and find unique solutions.

Collaboration with Anatomy Classes in scientific drawing.

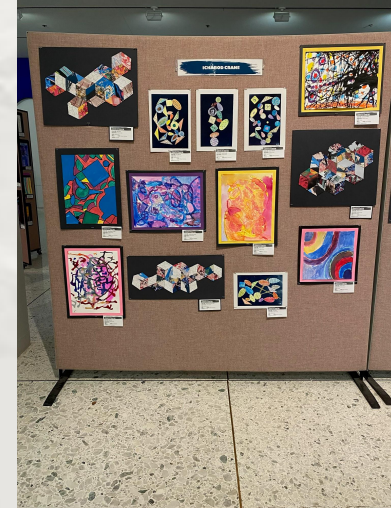
Opportunities for individual art exhibits for Independent Study students.



Art Shows in which ICC Participates

Chatham Fair

- Empire State Plaza K-8 Exhibit
- Regional Juried HS Art Exhibit
- Art in 3-Dimensions HS Exhibit
- Capital Region HS Media Arts Festival
- Questar III Annual HS Invitational Art Exhibit
- Legislative Show
- Valatie & Hudson Winter Walk
- Columbia-Greene Juried Art Exhibit
- Kinderhook Fair
- ICC Virtual Art Show



Special opportunities to expand experiences through field trips, visiting artists, and collaboration with the local community...

- *The Farm Field Trip*
- *Anatomy Class and Illustration Class*
- *Student Teacher Experience*
- *Jack Shainman Gallery*
- *HS Student Intern Experience*
- *Empty Bowls*



The Dirt Roads Project, 2024

Students from Advanced Photography worked with the Chatham Historical Society, who presented them with the opportunity to express what the historical dirt roads in this area mean to them through pictures.

Students artwork was printed and displayed in the Vanderpoel House in Valatie alongside historical photographs taken 100 years ago.



What's in our future....

- Collaborating with Art Omi at the High School level to give students a broader range of exposure to the art world
- Bringing High School students to the Middle School to share their awesome experiences and increase our enrollment
- Getting a new kiln for the High School
- Providing a well-rounded art experience to align with the Portrait of a Graduate
- Collaboration with other departments



Thank you for your
continued support!

