

News from the Elementary & Middle Schools

The Principal's Pen

Dear Parents,

We are off and running at Ichabod Crane Elementary/Middle School. We have had a very smooth opening and I am very proud of the students. Also, it was great seeing many of you at our Elementary and Middle School Open Houses.

On October 2 and 3, the students will attend an anti-bullying/character-building assembly called, "Rachel's Challenge." A letter about this program was already backpacked home. As a reminder, you are invited to attend the evening program at 5:30 pm on October 3 in the high school auditorium. I would like to thank our PTA for their assistance in funding this program, as they do every year.

Through the Texas Teachers of Tomorrow program, Mrs. Jermain/Wheeler's class has adopted a Houston fifth grade class that was affected by Hurricane Harvey. They are helping the class rebuild their supplies and materials destroyed in the hurricane. With contributions and gift cards accepted through September, our goal is to raise over \$300. As of September 25, we have raised \$260 - almost there!

School Picture Day for 4th and 5th grades is scheduled for Thursday, October 12. For students in grades 6-8, Picture Day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17 & Wednesday, October 18 (whatever day your child has Physical Education class scheduled).

If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or me.

Sincerely,

Tim Farley

Elementary & Middle School Principal

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Great Start!
- Open Houses
- Character-building Assembly
- Hurricane Harvey Fund-raiser
- Picture Days

From Mrs. Sarno—Pawsitive Peers

“Pawsitive Peers” is a new club that has been started this year. This club is unique because it involves our Social Service Dogs, Honey and Oliver. Pawsitive Peers is about developing an awareness of kindness and compassion for all living creatures. We will work on building academic skills and building confidence by reading and working with a dog partner. It will teach responsibility and developing “pawsitive” relationships between peers while we will work hard to deliver this message to our school and the outside community.

The club will also be planning, creating and implementing fundraisers for our dog program. Pawsitive Peers is currently selling customized calendars featuring fun moments of Honey and Oliver spending time with our students and staff.

Please consider coming to our meeting on Thursday, October 5, after school in the LGI. We hope to see new members!!



From Ms. Giammattei—We Go Together

8th Annual “We Go Together”

We Go Together is a family variety show made up of acts comprised of at least one student and one adult family member. Each act must audition in December to be a part of the show. If chosen to perform, each act must be available to perform at the dress rehearsal, a week before the show. Teachers, staff, families and friends work very hard to provide a night of fun and entertainment that keep fans coming to the show, year after year. Registration forms have been sent home with students. Extra copies may be obtained in the middle school main office or from any music teacher. We look forward to seeing some new acts this year!

Important Dates:

- Friday, November 17th- Registration forms due
- Monday, Dec. 4th, and Tues, Dec. 5th, 6PM-9PM – Auditions, Middle School Music Suite
- Saturday, January 20th, 8:30AM - Dress Rehearsal, High School Auditorium
- Friday, January 26th, 7PM- We Go Together performance

From the Nurse:

Sports

- Winter sports sign ups begin 10/2 and the deadline is 10/27
- Varsity & JV sports begin 11/6
- Modified sports begin 11/13
- Grade 4 & 7 Physical Exams

All students in Kindergarten and Grades 2, 4, 7, 10 & new students to the District are required by NYS Law to have a physical examination. If your child is in Grade 4, 7 or new to the district, they will need a physical exam. Ichabod Crane Central School will offer school-based physicals for students without health insurance and/or students who have special circumstances. Please notify me if your child does not have access to a health care provider. Documentation should be sent to the nurse on or before **October 16, 2017**.

Grade 6 & 7 Immunizations

Students who are entering 6th and 7th grade and are 11 years of age or older must receive the following immunizations:

Grade 6

- #2 Varicella vaccine - (chicken pox vaccine)
- Tdap- (an immunization containing tetanus toxoids, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis)
- 10-year-old students who are entering 6th grade will be required to receive a Tdap vaccine when they turn 11 years old (within 14 days after their 11th birthday).

Grade 7

Students entering Grade 7 must have 1 dose of meningococcal vaccine. They will be required to get a booster at age 16. Please call (518) 758-7676 ext.5041, if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

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The Ichabod Crane Central School District hereby advises students, parents, employees, and the general public that it offers educational opportunities including vocational opportunities without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, handicap or religion. Inquiries regarding this non-discrimination policy may be directed to: Title IX and Section 504 Compliance Officer, Ichabod Crane Central School District, Valatie, NY 12184 (518) 758-7575. A copy of the "In Compliance with Section 1.4 (a)" is available in the Superintendent's Office.

Happy Halloween!

Upcoming Events:

October

- 3 - BOE Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 9 - **NO SCHOOL**—Columbus Day
- 11 - PTA meeting, 7:00 PM
- 12 - Picture Day—Elementary (grades 4 & 5)
- 13 - First quarter interim reports distributed (Middle School)
- 17/18 - Picture Day—Grades 6-8 (during PE class)
- 19 - Elementary Activity Night, 6:00—8:00 PM
- 24-27 - 8th Grade DC Trip
- 31 - **HALF-DAY** (Staff Development)
- Happy Halloween!