

CLINTON CENTRAL SCHOOLS

MUSIC PROGRAM



NEWSLETTER

Being a part of “all things musical” at CCS encompasses more than the daily instruction of band, orchestra and chorus to over 400 students. Clinton Schools are fortunate to have a staff dedicated to reaching beyond the school day by supporting and encouraging student enrichment opportunities. The Clinton Music Parents group is proud to highlight student achievement through the pages of our Spring ‘24 newsletter. We appreciate your continued support which, in turn, supports the music students and their passion for musical and performing arts.

Thank You!

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL



This year we had 82 students participate in the Cast, Crew, and Pit of Sister Act! This show was EXTREMELY difficult due to costume changes, and the length of the show! We are INCREDIBLY proud of our students – the show was a huge success! Please visit the CMP Facebook page to view some amazing pictures of the show.

List of Seniors involved:

Alex Abraham

Ian Chang

Olivia Cofano

Georgia Deep

Lydia DeTraglia

Chloe Filippo

Darcy Head

Lydia Hepler

Lorrena Martini

Elise Pape

Michael Pascucci

Elyssa Perry

Olivia Peto

GiGi Pinto

Camila Rodriguez-Plate

Colin Sanderson

Amalia Schillinger

Josh Sipe

Matt Squires

Anna Tague

Fiona Vogel

Abel Widiss

Alena Wratten

ALL COUNTY



JR. HIGH ALL COUNTY

March 15-16, 2024

Whitesboro High School

Orchestra:

Aliyah Bentley
Eliana Bentley
Scarlett-Skye Stanton
Jude Leising
Lydia Lee
Yumeng Shi
Brindalin Filippa
Jason Woolver

Molly Spadea

Alexandria Allen

Mac Spadea

Lydia Dreier

Jax Simons

Gwen Westmoreland

Band:

Daniel Gus
Ben Morford
Avery Otto
Parker Sojda
Hailey Spohn

Chorus:

Andrew Bashant
Grayson Bastian
Caidence Boston
Alexis Chan
Claire MacPherson
Lucas Mazzei
Emilia Reaves
Cooper Rorick
Emily Roy
Sierra Townsend
Nicholas Venero



ELEMENTARY ALL COUNTY

April 12-13, 2024

Remsen, NY

Grade 6 Chorus:

Braydon Atkinson
(alternate)
Hadley Jillings
Sydney Place

Grade 5 Chorus:

Gabriel Santiago
Leela Dean
Nora Magnarelli
Zoe Ziesenitz

Orchestra:

Batleen Hermann
Emily Pecor
Paige Pomeroy

Band:

Elijah Bentley
Quentin Brady
Lauren Gus
Ewan Leising
Logan Otto

AREA ALL STATE



Several CHS students represented our school at the Area All-State music festival. These students were selected for their excellent performance and high scores at last year's NYSSMA solo festival. Students gathered with peers from Herkimer, Oneida, and Oswego counties to practice and perform selected pieces in Phoenix, NY. Congratulations to the students listed below! Thank you to Mr. Lavender, Mr. McAvaney, and Mrs. Wratten for working with these students to prepare and for accompanying them to the festival.

November 17-18, 2023

Phoenix, NY

Treble Choir:

Elizabeth Bashant '25
Nikolina Gleboff '26
Gracen Grimm '25
Phoenix Townsend '26

Mixed Chorus:

Alex Abraham '24
Olivia Cofano '24
Lydia DeTraglia '24
Clara Kelly '25
Reilly Notar '25
Nora Reid '25

Band:

Gideon Dreier '25
Mia Le '25
Alena Wratten '24

Orchestra:

Eliana Bentley '27
Chloe Filippo '24
Delia Memmer '24
Mac Spadea '27
Fiona Vogel '24
Maren Wohnsen '25

JR. HIGH AREA ALL STATE (ZONE 4)

February 2-3, 2024

Mexico Middle School

Orchestra:

1st Violin: Scarlett Skye-Santon, Jude Leising, Lydia Lee
Second Violin: Aliyah Bentley, Brindalin Filippo, Yumeng Shi
Viola: Molly Spadea
Cello: Sabrina Vogel
Double Bass: Jax Simons

Band:

Oboe: Emily Roy
Alto Saxophone: Parker Sojda
Trumpets: Grayson Bastian, Daniel Gus
Baritones: Benjamin Morford

Chorus:

Sopranos: Alexis Chan, Lydia Dreier, Sierra Townsend
Alto: Claudia Hepler, Claire MacPherson, Sydnee Moore
Baritone: Andrew Bashant, Cooper Rorick



HONOR BANDS



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ALLEGRO HONOR BAND

(sponsored by Central Winds)

***November 2023
Liverpool High School***

Alistair Heintz
James Shelley
Lauren Gus
Nicholas Waskiewicz
Eva Gifford

Chase Gogola
Ava Carney
Simon Terrell
Micah Fisher
Logan Otto

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND

Fourteen Middle and High School band students participated in the Greater Utica Area Honor Bands Concert on Saturday, January 20 hosted at Westmoreland High School. These outstanding students were accepted by nomination and rehearsed three Saturdays in January in preparation for the performance.

***January 20, 2024
Westmoreland High School***



Middle School:

Avery Otto
Daniel Gus
Teddy Wileczka
Lauren Gus
Ava Carney

Veronica Giannone
Logan Otto
Ben Morford
Claire Banghardt
Hailey Spohn



High School:

Claire Morford '26
Jack Wratten '26
Colin Sanderson '24
Emily Roy '27

WINTER CONCERTS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONCERT

December 7, 6:30 pm



MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCERT

December 14, 6:30 pm



HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT

December 20, 6:30 pm



SPECIAL EVENTS



Veteran's Day Event: The Chamber Singers sang at the Helmuth Ingalls Post for their Veteran's Day Service. They were a beautiful addition to a moving ceremony!



On Saturday, December 16, the Chamber Singers were a part of the Daughters of the American Revolution annual wreath laying ceremony. The service was a beautiful tribute to soldiers that gave their lives for our country.



CCS Elementary School Chorus sang the Star Spangled Banner at the Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball doubleheader fundraiser to benefit Project Purple, which focuses on pancreatic cancer care and research. February 15, 2024



Elementary School Holiday Sing Along: Holiday sing a long was the morning of December 19th, led by Ms. Jones/assisted by Mrs. Broccoli and participation with many teachers and students.



On December 21, Mr. Lavender, Mrs. Wratten, and their small ensembles took to the town to spread cheer at Preswick Glen, New Hartford Senior Square Apartments, and The Meadows. Thanks for sharing your time and talent with our community!

TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY



Tri-M Music
HONOR SOCIETY®

Tri-M will host a Cafe Night on May 2nd at 6 pm on the theater stage. There will be desserts and coffee/tea, and people will be treated to many performances from students in orchestra, band, and chorus. The cost to attend is a \$5 donation with a \$20 family cap.

NYSSMA INFORMATION



The **NYSSMA festival** will be held on May 10-11 at Central Valley High School in Ilion.

NYSSMA MAJORS

The High School Symphonic Band will be performing at this year's NYSSMA Majors Festival in Holland Patent May 22-23. NYSSMA Major Organization Festivals are opportunities for music teachers to bring an exceptional ensemble (band, chorus, orchestra, or jazz ensemble) to perform for two specially trained adjudicators.

SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Clinton Music Parents is pleased to invite applications from CCS students currently in grades 5-11 for summer 2024 music scholarships. Summer music scholarships provide opportunities for students to explore their musical aspirations and develop their musical skills. Since 2008, Clinton Music Parents has awarded over 145 summer scholarships to CCS students, totaling over \$32,000. These funds help students offset the cost of summer music study thanks to money generated from our membership fees and annual fundraising events. **The deadline for submitting applications is May 9. Scholarship recipients will be notified of their awards by May 31.**

Please follow the link to complete an application:

<https://url.us.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/3WHQC9rP9qUk67x7TozTKd?domain=docs.google.com>

JOIN THE CCS MARCHING BAND AT THE CLINTON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



Marching Band at the Clinton Memorial Day Parade, May 2023. Under the direction of Mr. Norin Lavender.

Parade will be on Monday, May 27 @ 9 am in the village of Clinton. Band students in grades 7-12, their family members and CCS Alumni are welcome to join the CCS Marching Band, directed by Mr. Norin Lavender. Please reach out to Mr. Lavender if you are interested in participating. Rehearsals will be held in May on a few weekday evenings; the schedule is forthcoming.

TRILLS AND THRILLS FESTIVAL



The 7th and 8th grade band, chorus, and orchestra members will be participating in the Trills and Thrills festival on June 7 in the Lake George region. All three groups will perform for adjudicators and be evaluated on their performances. Afterwards, we will visit Six Flags Great Escape for fun and games.

DISCOUNT TICKETS FOR *COME FROM AWAY* AT THE STANLEY THEATER, UTICA



Date: April 16, 2024

Ticket price: **\$48.25** (this includes all fees)

Seating Section: Balcony Left or Balcony Right, **Rows K – N** [Seating Chart](#)

Purchase: No minimum. Offer not available online.

Please call or visit the Broadway Theater League box office to purchase at (315) 624-9444. Payment is due at time of purchase. Mention the code **ClintonFamily** to receive the discount.

See [this link](#) for a preview!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES



May 2, 6:00pm: Tri M Cafe Night
May 6, 4:30-6:30 pm: Nola's Chicken Riggies Fundraiser
May 10-11: NYSSMA Festival at CVA in Ilion
May 16, 6:30pm: Elementary spring concert
May 22-23: NYSSMA Majors at Holland Patent
May 29, 9 am: Clinton Memorial Day Parade
May 30, 6:30pm: High School spring concert
June 6, 6:30pm: Middle School spring concert
June 7: Trills and Thrills Festival for Middle School Music students
June 22, 10 am: Commencement in the CCS Performing Arts Center

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We need YOU! The CMP Board positions of **President and Vice-President** are **NOW available**. After serving four terms, Beth and Amy are looking for some new fearless leaders to step up! Please reach out ASAP if you are interested, so we can begin the transition before the school year ends.

For more information about becoming involved with the Clinton Music Parents please send a note to musicparents@ccs.edu. We'll keep you updated on volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

We appreciate our volunteers who give their time, donate concession items, create raffle baskets, and attend CMP meetings. A special thanks to the local businesses who donated to our raffle baskets! We are also grateful to the businesses that support CMP by hosting fundraisers: North Star Orchards for the fall apple sale; Nola's Restaurant for the spring "Riggies Night" and A&P Master Images for our music apparel sale.

STAYING INFORMED

Follow **Clinton Music Parents** on [Facebook](#) for regular updates and on events happening at CCS and in our community. **Special thank you to Elizabeth Bentley for keeping the FB page updated and sharing her photos!** You can also find information on the [CCS Website](#). We encourage you and your family to take advantage of the amazing resources for musical performances right here in the Mohawk Valley.

MUSIC GEAR SALE... OPEN ALL YEAR



Proudly display your commitment to “all things musical” with a **Clinton Music sticker**, the perfect size for a water bottle or laptop. \$2; contact CMP to purchase.

Searching for a gift for your favorite Clinton musician? The “store” will remain open for the rest of the school year, with about a 2-week turnaround time for orders. You can check out all the great options including shirts, sweatshirts, hats, jackets, mugs and more! Adult and youth sizes available. Though this is a CMP fundraiser, more importantly, it’s a chance for your music student to proudly wear gear that shows they are a part of the Clinton Music “team,” just as they would for their sports team.

<https://store.masteryourimage.com/CM/shop/home>

Delivery options include pick-up at A&P Master Images in Utica or direct shipping to your home.

FUNDRAISING 2023-2024



Ever wonder how your membership dues are spent? Or where the profits from the concession stand goes? What about the raffle tickets you bought for those awesome gift baskets that were donated? Every last penny of those profits are distributed to students in the form of Summer Music Scholarships, Student Achievement Awards, Dollars for Scholars Awards, and special purchases within the Music Department. The more that you give, the more we can share with our very talented and deserving students. This academic year we are on track to provide over \$6000 in awards. Thank you for your continued support, year after year. It truly makes a difference in the lives of our music students!

SOUP FOR THE SOUL FUNDRAISER

On Thursday, March 7 from 4-7pm, the Clinton Music Parents and 8th grade class paired up for a yummy “soup for the soul” fundraiser. The CCS kitchen crew prepared some delicious soups and desserts that people could order to eat-in at the cafeteria or take with them to go. Almost 100 meals were purchased- thank you for your support!

CHICKEN RIGGIES NIGHT

Nola’s Restaurant and the Clinton Music Parents are pairing up for the 3rd annual Chicken Riggie’s dinner fundraiser! Save the date: **May 6 from 4:30-6:30pm**. Be on the lookout for an announcement about the opening of online ordering.



CMP EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Amy Bashant and Beth Roy, Co-Presidents
Tara McKee, Secretary
Sarah McCullough, Treasurer
Elizabeth Bentley, Media Coordination
Amber Geary, Graphic Design

CLINTON CENTRAL SCHOOLS MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Music Department

Music Department Leader, Mr. Norin Lavender

Elementary School Staff

Ms. Hilary Lopata, Band
Mrs. Lisa Jones, Chorus

Middle and High School Staff

Mr. Norin Lavender, Band
Mrs. Jenna Wratten, Chorus
Mr. Brian Gadbow, Orchestra long-term substitute through June 2024

The Clinton Music Department would like to sincerely thank Mr. T.J. McAvaney for joining their staff this year (Sept-Dec 2023). His dedication and expertise in leading the string department were second to none.