



2024-2025 Performing Arts Department

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W+H PERFORMING ARTS MISSION STATEMENT

Our goal for W+H music students is to develop a life-long love of music, encouraging musical enjoyment and participation long after the students leave the school. They broaden their appreciation for the power and importance of music through reading music notation, listening to and talking about music critically, and participating in authentic

performing experiences through a wide range of musical styles and contexts.

LOWER SCHOOL

The Lower School music curriculum is focused on developing the whole musician; developing tuneful, beautiful, artful students. Pre-Kindergarten through first grade classes follow the First Steps in Music Education curriculum developed by Dr. John Feierabend, while grades two through five build music literacy skills with his Conversational Solfege method. Students explore music through singing, movement activities, active listening, instrumental performance, and both verbal and written response to musical experiences.

CURRICULAR

Pre-Kindergarten General Music
Junior Kindergarten General Music
Kindergarten General Music
Grade 1 General Music
Grade 2 General Music
Grade 3 General Music
Grade 4 General Music
Grade 5 General Music
Grade 4 Band
Grade 4 Choir
Grade 5 Band
Grade 5 Choir

EXTRACURRICULAR

5th Grade Music Field Trip



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle School musicians experience a performance-based curriculum designed to enhance music literacy skills while in an ensemble setting. Students focus on developing their executive skills and performance technique while playing band instruments and singing together. Building upon the Lower School curriculum, students in grades six through eight continue to develop their music literacy skills through the Conversational Solfege method in their vocal music classes.



UPPER SCHOOL

Through more advanced repertoire, Upper School musicians experience a performance-based curriculum designed to enhance music literacy skills while in an ensemble setting. Students interested in deepening their music literacy may enroll in our music theory classes.

CURRICULAR

6th Grade Choir
6th Grade Vocal Sectionals
6th Grade Band
6th Grade Instrumental Sectionals
7th and 8th Cantores
7th and 8th Chorale
7th Grade Vocal Sectionals
8th Grade Vocal Sectionals
7th and 8th Wind Ensemble
7th and 8th Symphonic Band
7th Grade Instrumental Sectionals
8th Grade Instrumental Sectionals
Middle School Band Workshop

(for beginner instrumentalists)

EXTRACURRICULAR

Dance Class
Vocal Ensemble
Jazz Band
Musical

CURRICULAR

Concert Band
Jazz Band
Concert Choir
MadJazz
Fundamentals of Music Theory
AP Music Theory

EXTRACURRICULAR

Fall Play
Spring Musical
Instrumental Chamber Ensemble
Jazz Workshop
Audition for Region II and
NJ All State Ensembles
Jazz at Lincoln Center Field Trip
Metropolitan Opera Field Trip



PRIVATE MUSIC LESSON PROGRAM

The Wardlaw+Hartridge School has a partnership with local music faculty who are distinguished in their field, to provide individual private music lessons on campus. Please see our Private Music Lesson Program brochure for more information.

SAVE THE DATES

November 8 & 9 at 7:30 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Upper School Fall Play: *Bank of Violets*

November 22 @ 3:30 p.m. and November 23 @ 12 & 4 p.m.
Middle School Musical: *The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition*

December 4 at 7:30 p.m.
Upper School Winter Concert

December 12 at 7:00 p.m.
Middle School Winter Concert

December 20 at 11:00 a.m.
Lower School Winter Concert

January 31 at 10:00 a.m.
Lower School Cabaret

March 7, 8, & 9 at 7:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., & 3:00 p.m.
Upper School Spring Musical: *Newsies*

April 6 at 6:00 p.m.
Spring Music Recital

April 16 at 9:50 a.m.
Middle School Dance Class Showcase Performance

May 1 at 7:30 p.m.
Upper School Spring Concert

May 6 at 8:30 a.m.
Early Childhood Spring Concert

May 8 at 7:00 p.m.
Two - Five Spring Concert

May 15 at 7:00 p.m.
Middle School Spring Concert Grades

May 22 at 7:00 p.m.
16th Annual Cookin' Cabaret

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