



2025-2026 Performing Arts Department

WARDLAW + **HARTRIDGE**

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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, beatful, 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 Solfège method. Students explore music through singing, movement activities, active listening, instrumental performance, and both verbal and written response to musical experiences. PK-K receive 60 minutes, grades 1-3 receive 80 minutes, and grades 4 and 5 receive 160 minutes of music instruction each week within the school day.

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 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 Solfège method in their vocal music classes. Each week, all middle school students receive 200 minutes of music instruction between choir and band during the school day.



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 performing arts skills should apply for our W+H Conservatory Program.

CURRICULAR

6th Grade Band
 6th Grade Instrumental Sectionals
 6th Grade Choir
 6th Grade Vocal Sectionals
 7th Grade Band
 7th Grade Instrumental Sectionals
 7th Grade Choir
 7th Grade Vocal Sectionals
 8th Grade Instrumental Sectionals
 8th Grade Band
 8th Grade Choir
 8th Grade Vocal Sectionals
 Recess Band
 (Optional for all band members)

EXTRACURRICULAR

Crew
 Dance Elective
 Jazz Band
 Musical
 Vocal Ensemble

CURRICULAR

Concert Band
 Jazz Band
 Concert Choir
 MadJazz
 Fundamentals of Music Theory
 AP Music Theory
 Technical Theatre Practicum
 Film
 W+H Conservatory Program



EXTRACURRICULAR

Crew
 Fall Play
 Spring Musical
 Recitals
 Chamber Music
 Audition for Region II and
 NJ All State Ensembles

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

Oct. 31 & Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Upper School Fall Play: *Night of the Living Dead* and *10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse*

Nov. 21 @ 3:30 & 7:00 p.m. and Nov. 22 @ 12 & 4 p.m.

Middle School Musical: *Matilda, JR!*

Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Upper School Winter Concert

Dec. 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Middle School Winter Concert

Dec. 19 at 11:00 a.m.

Lower School Winter Concert

Jan. 31 at 4:00 p.m.

Private Music Lesson Program Winter Recital

Feb. 27 at 8:30 a.m.

Lower School Cabaret

Mar. 13, 14, & 15 at 7:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Upper School Spring Musical: *High School Musical*

Mar. 18 at 9:50 a.m.

Middle School Dance Class Showcase Performance #1

Apr. 19 at 4:00 p.m.

Spring Recital

Apr. 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Upper School Spring Concert

May 5 at 8:30 a.m.

Early Childhood Spring Concert

May 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Grades Two-Five Spring Concert

May 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Middle School Spring Concert Grades

May 21 at 7:00 p.m.

16th Annual Cookin' Cabaret

May 26-29 at TBD

W+H Conservatory Program - Junior and Senior Recitals

Jun. 3 at 9:50 a.m.

Middle School Dance Class Showcase Performance #2

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