

# YOU ARE INSTRUMENTAL

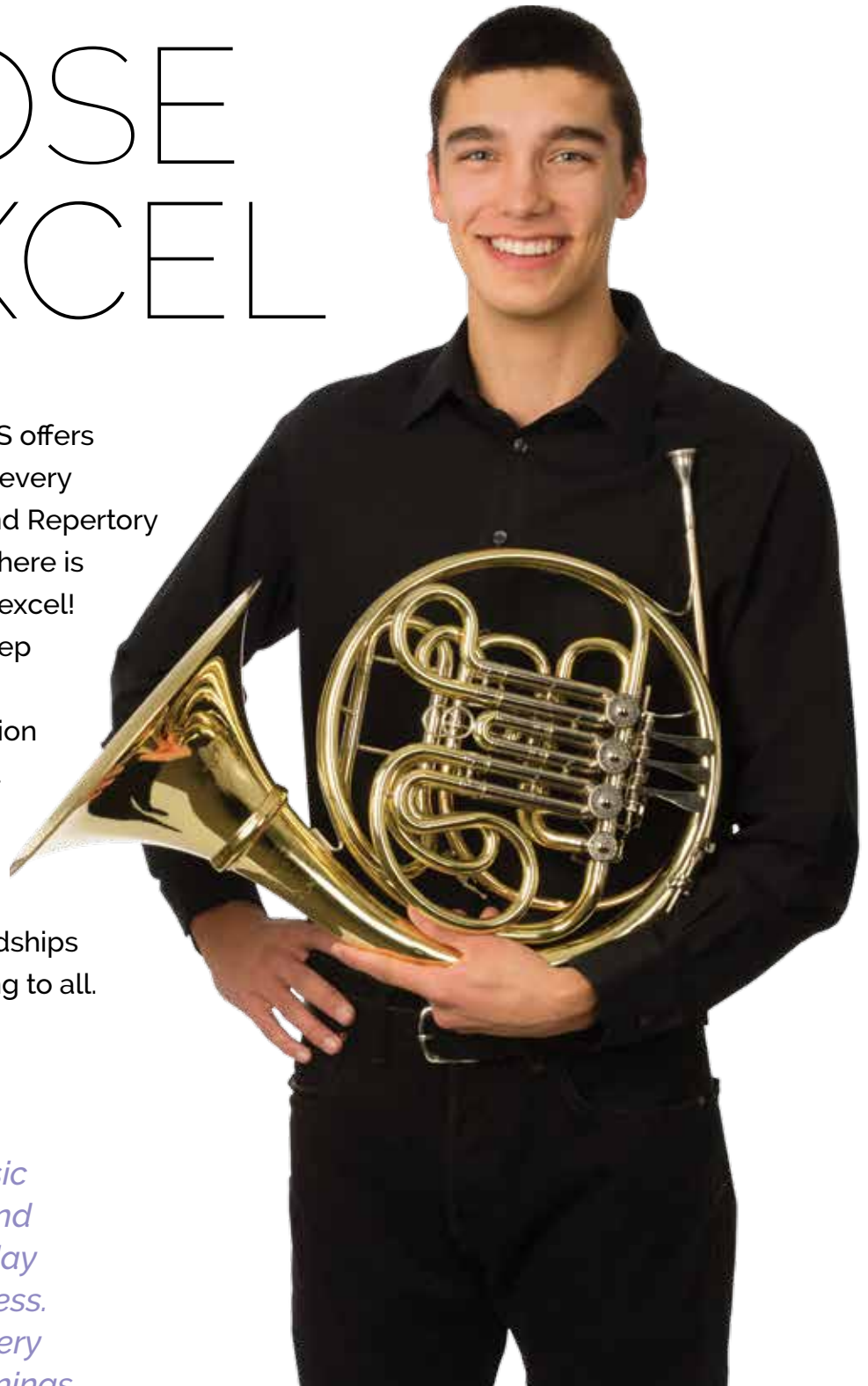


# CHOOSE TO EXCEL

The Instrumental Program at CCHS offers a wide variety of opportunities for every type of musician. From Concert and Repertory Band, Jazz A and B, to Orchestra, there is a place for everyone to enjoy and excel! Additional opportunities include Pep Band, Pit Orchestra for the CCHS Musical and our Honors credit option for grades 10-12. The Instrumental Program draws students from all corners of CCHS and is committed to providing a lifetime of memories, lasting friendships and a community that is welcoming to all.

*The band program at CCHS is amazing. We always play music that is challenging yet fun. Band is always the highlight of my day – it is a great way to decompress. The band community is also very close. We hang out in the mornings and during lunch, and everyone is so friendly. There are so many different ensembles at CC, so there is something for everyone!*

– TEDDY STORRS '18 (ACTIVITIES: ALPINE SKI TEAM, FRESHMEN ADVISOR, NEC ENSEMBLES: YPO AND SR. MYWE)



## FESTIVALS

Many of our ensembles participate in the State MICCA Festival and all students are eligible to audition for District, State and All-Eastern honors festivals. C-C consistently has some of the highest numbers of instrumental participants in our District festival and always has great representation at the All-State level and beyond.



*Band inevitably becomes a second home. It is a place where you can go to work on and improve your instrumental skills, but also a place where you find lasting friendships and unwavering support. CCHS Bands will challenge you, and undeniably make you a better musician and a better person.*

– BRITT MARDIS '17, PERCUSSION  
(ACTIVITIES: THEATER AND DANCE)

# BANDS



**Pictured: David Gresko, Director of Instrumental Music**  
**Above: CCHS Concert Band, Winter Concert 2016**


The Band program has two traditional wind/percussion ensembles, the Concert Band and Repertory Band. The Repertory Band is our predominantly 9th-10th grade band, and the Concert Band is our auditioned select ensemble primarily for upperclassmen. In these groups you can develop your skills and be a part of a vibrant and fun community that values every student. The bands perform many times throughout the year including Fall and Winter concerts, MICCA preview concerts and the annual POPS Concert in the Spring. Additional concerts include the Honors recitals, PRISM Concert and MICCA Gold Medal Showcases at Symphony Hall. The bands at CCHS have consistently earned Gold Medal ratings at the State MICCA Festival. In fact, the Concert Band has a remarkable streak of 24 Gold Medals in the past 25 years, an accomplishment recognized throughout the Commonwealth.

**PRISM** (a benefit concert for the Alfred W. Dentino Excellence in Music Fund) is a non-stop musical kaleidoscope, showcasing the talented student musicians of the CCHS Bands and Orchestra. A variety of musical styles and ensembles are presented throughout the auditorium, creating an interactive experience for the audience. You have never seen or been a part of a concert like this! A highlight of the year for sure!



*If you like Band, join:*

**PEP BAND:** Show your school spirit! Free admission to all home football games, cheer CCHS football in tournaments, receive community service hours, provide music for the Crop Walk and more. Additional 1.25 credits are available!



*Throughout the years, I have made many friends in Orchestra, and have had so many laughs with everyone else and Mr. Gresko. The music we play can be challenging at times, but it is really fun to play. I was able to gain a better understanding of what it is like to connect with everyone around me and work hard together to give a great performance. I am always playing the violin, learning new things, and having fun every day in Orchestra.*

– RHOLEE XU '17, VIOLIN  
(ACTIVITIES: TENNIS, MATH TEAM, KOREA CLUB, ART CLUBS)

# ORCHESTRA

The CCHS Orchestra is a great place to improve your skills in a supportive, fun and relaxing environment. The Orchestra meets four days per week during school hours and performs many times throughout the year including Fall and Winter concerts, MICCA preview concerts and the annual Spring Fling and POPS concerts. Additional concerts include the Honors recitals, PRISM concert and MICCA Gold Medal Showcases. In 2014, 2015 and 2016, the CCHS Orchestra was one of only a handful of high school string groups to receive a Gold Medal rating at the state MICCA Festival. As a result, they were invited to perform encore concerts at Mechanics Hall (Worcester) and Symphony Hall (Boston). The CCHS Orchestra is truly a family, come join us!

## HONORS OPTION

All grade 10-12 students in Orchestra and Band are eligible for the Honors Program. This program allows students to receive weighted academic credit and improve their skills through Honors Recital Concerts and participating in District and State auditions and festivals.

*If you like Orchestra, join:*

**PIT ORCHESTRA:** Join us for the annual CCHS Musical in the Pit Orchestra! Up to 30 students can fit down under the stage in the state-of-the-art orchestra pit in the beautiful new CCHS auditorium. Rehearsals

start in January for the performances in May. Recent performances include *Chicago*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *A Chorus Line* and *Spamalot*. A great opportunity outside of class and tons of fun, Pit Orchestra is a student favorite!



## PRIVATE LESSONS

Lessons are available throughout the day and after school right here at CCHS! The IMSCC (Instrumental School of Concord-Carlisle) has a long-standing tradition of providing excellent instruction and support for our student musicians. Private study is an excellent way to develop your skills outside of the ensembles while creating a more positive experience in a large group setting. In recent years, more than 90% of CCHS Concert Band members have been taking private lessons. Visit [www.ace.colonial.net/imscc/](http://www.ace.colonial.net/imscc/) for more information!

*I have been a part of the Bands, Jazz A, and the Pit Orchestra throughout my time at CCHS and each opportunity has been so much fun! I have played with some of the top musicians in school and have been part of top performances at MICCA and the Music for All National Festival in Indianapolis. The CCHS Bands and Orchestra program is something to definitely be a part of!*

– MEG DAVIS '17, SAXOPHONE (ACTIVITIES: VOLLEYBALL, ULTIMATE FRISBEE, STUDENT GOVERNMENT)

# JAZZ BAND

There are 2 Jazz classes available at CCHS:

**Jazz A** is an auditioned select group that performs at all CCHS Instrumental concerts throughout the year. Jazz band meets three times a week during school hours and it is required that you take Repertory or Concert Band as well. Jazz Band is a well respected ensemble that is challenging and rewarding for all!

**Jazz B** meets twice a week during school hours and introduces the basics of jazz theory, history, improvisation and jazz performance techniques. Although they do not traditionally perform, it is a great place to be if you strive to be in Jazz A someday! For wind players, participation in Repertory Band or Concert Band is required.





*The beginning of high school is a busy and exciting time. From the start of school, I looked forward to Band each and every day because I knew that it was the time where I could be fully engaged and challenged. I realized quickly how much Band added to my day. I could enter the band room and instantly feel a part of an amazing community. Band is the only class where I have met people across all grades who share the same interest as I do. I can honestly say that it has been an amazing experience so far and I cannot wait to continue growing both as a musician and an ensemble member.*

– ELANA ALEVY '20, PERCUSSION

(ACTIVITIES: ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD STUDIES GROUP, SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS)





## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**1998, 2004, 2007, 2010:** Concert Band Trips to Nanae and Sapporo, Japan

**2000:** Jazz Band trip to Japan

**2003, 2008:** Concert Band sells out Symphony Hall with a performance with Shiroishi HS Symphonic Wind Ensemble

**2011:** CCHS hosts Nanae (Japan) HS Band

**1991-2016:** Concert Band receives 24 Gold Medal ratings at MICCA Festival

**2014:** Orchestra performances at Mechanics Hall (Worcester)

**2015:** Concert Band one of 15 groups nationwide chosen to perform as a "Featured Group" at the Music for All National Concert Festival in Indianapolis

**2014-2016:** Orchestra and Repertory Band receive Gold Medal ratings at MICCA Festival

**2015:** Concert Band hosts Longmeadow HS Lyrics and commissions/performs piece commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Massachusetts-Hokkaido sister-state relationship.

**2015, 2016:** CCHS sets school all-time records for number of instrumentalists chosen for Eastern District and All-State Festival

**Upcoming in the spring of 2019:** We hope to re-establish a tradition of travel to Japan!!



*The CCHS band and orchestra community is the most welcoming group that I've ever been a part of throughout my entire high school career. Being in the band since freshman year as well as in the pep band and the pit orchestra has allowed me to make some of the closest friendships that I've ever had. The band room is like a second home.*

— MARIA BALLE'S '17, CLARINET

(ACTIVITIES: ULTIMATE FRISBEE, MOOT COURT, MODEL UN, HISTORY READING GROUP, CARLISLE COMMUNITY CHORUS)



# JOIN US!

To learn more about how you can get involved with CCHS Bands and Orchestra, or to catch an upcoming concert, visit us at [cchsbands.com](http://cchsbands.com)

*Going into high school, I was a little unsure about continuing with Band as I was already taking a full course load. I decided to try it out freshman year, and Band has become one of my favorite classes and something that I look forward to at the end of every day. I have met some of my closest friends and gotten to know many amazing people from all grades that I would not have met otherwise. I would strongly encourage anyone considering Band to give it a try; I'm so glad that I did.*

– ALDEN HARRING '18, BARITONE SAXOPHONE

(ACTIVITIES: FIELD HOCKEY, ALPINE SKIING, SOFTBALL, CHORUS, RED CROSS CLUB)

