

FAIRFIELD WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL
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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

October 17, 2016

Dear 8th grade Parents,

The Music Department is excited to offer our annual Behavior Reward Broadway Show trip for 8th grade music students. **On Saturday, June 3, 2017** we have reserved 292 Orchestra 1 & Orchestra 2 seats to *ANASTASIA* at the Broadhurst Theatre. *ANASTASIA* tickets are discounted at the group price of \$122.00, Thanks to your generous support, our fall music department pie sale subsidizes half the coach bus transportation for this event. If your child is interested in joining us, please sign & return this original permission slip by **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1st**. Please also keep the upper portion of this slip for trip details!

Anastasia, the new stage musical inspired by the 1997 animated film, will officially open on Broadway April 24, 2017, at the Broadhurst Theatre. Previews begin March 23. The expanded stage production features a score by Tony Award winners Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty and an all-new book by Tony winner Terrence McNally. The Broadway production will feature Christy Altomare as Anya, Derek Klena as Dmitry, John Bolton as Vlad, Caroline O'Connor as Lily, Ramin Karimloo as Gleb and Mary Beth Peil as Dowager Empress Maria Feodorovna. The 1997 animated film utilized the mystic confidant Rasputin (and his sidekick, the albino bat Bartok) as the story's villain. For the stage, the writers have created the character of Gleb (played by Karimloo), the plot's antagonist who Ahrens previously described as "a character who represents Communist Regime. He's more of a contemporary figure. He's in post-revolutionary Russia, he's a Czechist as they called them."

Tickets will be reserved on a first-come-first-served basis. *As this is the reward part of our Music Dept. Behavior Contract, student behavior will be a consideration for this trip. We expect students to manage their impulsivity, listen to others, apply past knowledge to new situations, and think interdependently at all times to go into New York City with such a large group.* Twenty-five parent chaperones will be needed and must to pay for their tickets with a separate check since we often have more parents than we need. Students and chaperones who accompany this trip must travel both ways on the bus. Special requests for parents to meet their child in New York City after the show require advance notice. Requests cannot be granted the day of the trip. Cancellations are not refundable unless there is waiting list of students or parents.

The trip will leave FWMS promptly at 11am. No meals will be supplied on this trip, so please eat an early lunch at home and bring a neat snack for the way home (no nut products please). The show begins at 2pm and will finish at approximately 4:30pm. The busses should arrive back at FWMS between 6:30pm and 7:00pm. Students should dress nicely (no blue jeans, sneakers, or sweats), but comfortably.

If you are interested in having your child see *ANASTASIA*, please sign the attached permission slip and have them bring a check made payable to Fairfield Woods Middle School to Ms. Frawley on or before **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1st**. Please retain the top portion of this slip for future reference.

Sincerely,

Ms. Frawley, Mrs. Labrecque, Mr. Brookes, Ms. Midzenski

I give permission for my child (*print clearly first & last name please*) _____ to attend the 8th grade Music Dept. Behavior Reward Broadway show trip on **Saturday, June 3, 2017** from 11am to 7pm.

_____ *ANASTASIA* @ \$122.00 check # _____

_____ I would like to chaperone *ANASTASIA*
(please include a separate chaperone check for \$122.00)
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Parent signature