

Drama Club Audition Notice

Dear Parents and Students,

THIS NOTICE (no substitutions) MUST BE SIGNED BY PARENTS & AUDITIONEES & HANDED TO MR. McHUGH OR MS. FRAWLEY AT YOUR AUDITION. This year's FWMS Drama Club will be producing

“ **SHREK** “ (contingent upon royalty, rights, and costume availability)

On the back of this letter is the drama club schedule. PLEASE review it carefully before preparing to audition on February 6 or February 8. You may attend one, not both. The audition consists of reading a selected scene from the play and singing, acapella, a verse of a song of your choice. (We strongly recommend a show tune – current pop tunes don't always translate well...)

We ask you and your parents to carefully consider the time commitment required by the Drama Club schedule. As you can see there are 28 rehearsals and 2 show dates. Attendance is required at all rehearsals for all cast members. That being said, usually we may not need all cast members the full time during the first 3 weeks. We will give out a “contract” to those who make the play with those specific dates & times. Please check your calendar for conflicts BEFORE AUDITIONING! We discourage people from auditioning who know that they will miss more than 3 scheduled rehearsals. Religious education classes are excused absences or acceptable reasons for leaving rehearsals early however, we suggest that if you are currently preparing for a major celebration (bar or bat mitzvah, confirmation) or you are involved in another show or performing group, you might need to pass on Drama Club this year.

Drama Club members are also subject to meeting their academic and behavioral responsibilities **BEFORE** their rehearsal commitment. If your child is in need of many after school extra help sessions, this should also be a consideration. If your child is unable to make the Drama Club commitment but would like to audition for the sake of experience, they are to let us know that fact before they audition. Once the final cast list is posted, no re-considerations can be made.

Finally, the criteria for your child's acceptance into Drama Club are based solely on the audition scores. It is based on strength and range of singing voice, acting ability, and physical type as it fits the characters in the play. It is **NOT** based on age, grade, or participation in music classes or clubs. Please also understand that we usually have between 85 – 100 kids audition for approximately 45 spots. Please prepare your child for the possibility that they may not get selected as a cast member or, if selected, might not get the part that they are hoping for.

Drama Club is a commitment of time and energy. Make sure you review the rehearsal and performance schedule in advance as well as the audition criteria to help them through this very emotional and stressful week. The announcement of the cast can be a difficult time since the outcome may not meet your child's expectations. If your child is upset about the casting decisions, empower your child to talk to Mr. McHugh or Ms. Frawley one-on-one to discuss the decision and how to enhance future auditions.

Sincerely,

Mr. McHugh & Ms. Frawley

(Tear Here and return the signed permission form at your audition)

I have read & discussed this notice with my child and we understand & can meet this commitment if my child is accepted.

Parent signature

Child's name (please print clearly)

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
Jan. 30		Feb. 1	Feb. 2	Feb. 3	
Feb. 6 Auditions 3:00-4:30		Feb. 8 Auditions 3:00-4:30	Feb. 9	Feb. 10	
Feb. 13 Rehearsal 3:00-4:30		Feb. 15. Rehearsal 3:00-4:30	Feb. 16 Rehearsal 3:00-4:30	Feb. 17 No School	
Feb. 20 No School		Feb. 22 Rehearsal 3:00-4:30	Feb. 23 Rehearsal 3:00-4:30	Feb. 24 Rehearsal 3:00-4:30	
Feb. 27 Rehearsal 3:00-4:30		March 1 Rehearsal 3:00-4:30	March 2 Rehearsal 3:00-4:30	March 3 Rehearsal 3:00-4:30	
March 6 Rehearsal 3:00-5:00		March 8 Rehearsal 3:00-5:00	March 9 Rehearsal 3:00-5:00	March 10 Rehearsal 3:00-5:00	
March 13 Rehearsal 3:00-5:00	March 14 Rehearsal 3:00-5:00	March 15 Rehearsal 3:00-5:00	March 16 Rehearsal 3:00-5:00	March 17 Rehearsal 3:00-5:00	
March 20 Rehearsal 3:00-5:00	March 21 Rehearsal 3:00-5:00	March 22 Rehearsal 3:00-6:00	March 23 Rehearsal 3:00-6:00	March 24 Rehearsal 3:00-6:00	
March 27 Rehearsal 3:00-6:30	March 28 Rehearsal 3:00-6:30	March 29 Rehearsal 3:00-6:30	March 30 Rehearsal 3:00-6:30	March 31 SHOW 7:30	April 1 SHOW 7:30