

Joining the Chorus of High School Musical Jr.

Congratulations on being a part of the chorus for St. Francis School's Middle School Musical!

What happens next?

- First, take a look at the High School Musical Chorus Schedule and put the dates on your family's calendar. You are required to be at all '**mandatory**' events (See rehearsals **Jan. 20, 22, 27, 29, Pit rehearsal Feb. 2, Tech week- Feb. 3,4,5, dress rehearsal - Feb 6, the shows – Feb 7 & 8, including clean-up Feb 8**). Mandatory means you must attend these rehearsals unless you are excused by a director. Additionally, our rehearsal schedule is very tight and there is no time to reteach a number. If you miss rehearsals you may be cut from scenes.
- By January 6th all chorus members will need shoes for the show. The shoes you wear will be dependent on the roll you get. Cheerleaders need white 'Keds' style shoes. Jocks need white "Converse" style shoes. Dudes need black low-top style sneakers. Adults, and Brainiacks need the following: Boys will need a pair of **black leather jazz shoes**. Girls will need a pair of **black character shoes**. These may be purchased at local dance stores such as 'The Dancer's Boutique' (355 S. Zeeb Road, Ste C), 'Payless', or online sites such as discountdance.com. Believe it or not, these shoes are generally much cheaper than tennis shoes. Discountdance.com has shoes for under \$25.00. Shoes need to be brought to every rehearsal beginning January 6th (I know I said that twice...for emphasis).
- Also for our show, chorus members will need a costume. This will depend on each individual's costume. The school's drama closet does not have enough costumes for everyone and will only be able to be used to supplement your costume. **Costume checks will occur after rehearsal on January 13th or 15th or after school on January 16th**. Pick one of these dates to bring your costume to the music room. All cast members will need to have their costume checked by a costume committee member. Following your fitting, you may be given additional items from the drama closet or a list of items you need to provide for your costume. These items may be as difficult as a suit coat or as simple as a pair of socks. A comprehensive list of what your student needs will be sent home shortly. **All final pieces of your costume are due on January 20th**. We do have a costume committee and they would love help from our 6th grade parents. Please sign-up below if you are interested.
- Full stage make-up will be worn for dress rehearsal and both shows. A theatrical base make-up will be provided for each chorus member. If you would rather provide base for your child please choose a HD Ben Nye cream base that is one shade darker than your child's skin tone. Mascara (black), and lipstick (red for girls, brown for boys) should be brought by chorus members.
- Every cast member will be given a libretto. **This is yours to keep**. Please take notes in it and mark it in any way that helps you. Lost librettos cannot be replaced. By contract we must have one libretto for each cast member.
- Cast members will receive a cast t-shirt. Please note the size needed below. Due to the cost of the base make-up, the t-shirt, the libretto, and a million other minor costs a \$40.00 fee is required to join the chorus. If this fee is a hardship for your family please speak to one of the directors (of course you can use money from your Individual Fine Arts Fundraising Account if you have one)
- Most solos and lines have already been cast.
- Attached to this note is a **contract** for cast members and their parents to read, sign, and return.
- Everyone in the cast and chorus is expected to help with clean-up after the last show.

Putting on a show of this magnitude requires lots of **help from parents**. It is best if everyone helps in some way. Please note the list of needs on the contract and volunteer for as many areas as you can. We will try to spread the work evenly.

This is a fairly expensive show for the Fine Arts Department to produce. Because of this, we will be charging admission of all audience members.

Please contact one of the directors if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Mrs. Opaleski
Music Director

Mrs. O'Sullivan
Choreographer

High School Musical Jr. Chorus Contract

My child _____ is interested in participating in the chorus of High School Musical Jr.

T-shirt sized: ___ Youth Large ___Adult Small ___ Adult Medium ___Adult Large

I have read and understand the responsibilities and requirements of joining the chorus of High School Musical Jr. including attendance.

___Enclosed please find \$40.00 in cash

___Enclosed please find a check for \$40.00 made out to St. Francis School

___Please deduct \$40.00 from my personal Fine Arts Fundraising Account to cover the cost of the libretto, base make-up, and miscellaneous expenses.

I can help with the following:

Yes/No	I Can Help With:
	Help with costumes
	Help with props and sets
	Set Creating: Thursday, Jan 16 th (anytime between 3:00 - 8:00pm)
	Help with Snack, Feb 7 th
	Stage Set-up: Monday, Feb 4 th (8:00 – 11:00am)
	Help with Snack, Jan 29 th
	Help with Tech Crew (need to be at all Tech Rehearsals, Dress Rehearsal and both Shows)

Parent Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Please also sign the attached media release form.