

Middle School Musical Theater 2019-2020 Information

High School Musical Jr.

Congratulations on being a part of the cast for St. Francis Middle School Musical! This is an exciting and fun experience and we can't wait to begin rehearsing with you! What happens next?

- Things will start out slowly with run-throughs of the libretto.
- Then it is auditions – September 3rd, 5th, & 6th. We will use many selections from the libretto (thus the run-through days at the beginning of the month).
- Early on take a look at the High School Musical Cast Schedule and put the dates on your family's calendar. Although things start out slow, it really picks up in December and gets crazy in January. Once February comes around you will be eating, drinking, and breathing High School Musical...don't worry, you'll love it! We promise...but, 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**). Only a serious illness (or the like) will be considered for an excused absence for a mandatory rehearsal. **You should also be at all after school rehearsals** (which begin in December). Some excused absences are expected and understandable. If you are unable to make an after-school rehearsal, please inform one of your directors prior to that rehearsal. Attendance at afterschool rehearsals will be taken. An excused absence includes such things as illness, conflicting sports practices and dance classes. Please note that if you are unable to attend a rehearsal an understudy will be placed in your position and given your lines. If you repeatedly miss afterschool rehearsals due to unexcused absences your role will be given to someone else and you will be put into a minor role or a chorus role. These are not 'mandatory' rehearsals but you should be in attendance because you matter to the entire cast. If you are not needed at a rehearsal you will be told in advance and you do not need to attend. There is a Google Calendar you can use: [stfrancisaa.org_57pa81i9qevoln3f5iip5rcoq0@group.calendar.google.com](https://www.google.com/calendar?calendar=stfrancisaa.org_57pa81i9qevoln3f5iip5rcoq0@group.calendar.google.com).
- By September 24th all cast members will need to have dance shoes. 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 class beginning September 24th (I know I said that twice...for emphasis).
- We try to provide your costume for the show from the Drama Closet; however, you will be responsible for some pieces of your costume. **Costume fittings will occur after school on January 9th or after rehearsal on January 6th or 8th.** Following your fitting, you will be given 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. **All final pieces of your costume are due on January 14th.** A parent costume committee is forming to handle the more difficult costumes. We welcome parents to join this committee.
- 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.
- A parent committee is forming to handle props & scenery. We welcome parents to join this committee. We are also looking for someone to chair this committee.
- Attached to this note is a **contract** for cast members and their parents to read, sign, and return. These must be turned in prior to auditions (i.e. by Sept 3th). If the contract is not signed and returned prior to auditions, that student will not be permitted to audition for solos or lines.
- All forms and dates can be found on our Musical Theater tab at StFrancisSchoolFineArts.Weebly.com.

Putting on a show of this magnitude requires lots of **parental help**. We will include the chorus in our pleas for help, but families of our cast should be the most invested. 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. Cast Contract

My child _____ will do his/her best to attend all after school rehearsals listed on the class schedule and will attend all the rehearsals and performances listed below:

| Date | Yes | No |
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| After school Chorus Rehearsals that involve any parts I have plus whatever else I can make. | | |
| After school rehearsal Jan 20 th 3:00 – 4:30pm | | |
| After school rehearsal Jan 22 nd 3:00 – 4:30pm | | |
| After school rehearsal Jan 27 th 3:00 – 4:30pm | | |
| After school rehearsal Jan 29 th 3:00 – 6:00pm | | |
| Pit Orchestra Rehearsal Feb 2 nd 6:00 – 8:00pm | | |
| Tech Rehearsal Feb 3 rd 3:00 – 4:30pm | | |
| Tech Rehearsal Feb 4 th 3:00 – 4:30pm | | |
| Tech Rehearsal Feb 5 th 3:00 – 4:30pm | | |
| Dress Rehearsal Feb 6 th 3:00 – 6:00 pm | | |
| Evening Performance Feb 7 th 7:00 pm (5:45pm call time) | | |
| Matinee Performance Feb 8 th 2:00 pm (12:45pm call time) | | |
| Clean Up & Stage Take Down Feb 8 th (following matinee performance) | | |

I can help with the following:

| Yes/No | I Can Help With: |
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| | Costumes |
| | Props and Scenery |
| | Coordinate Make-up |
| | Make-up (need to be at Dress Rehearsal and both performances) |
| | Stage Set-up: Monday, Feb 4 th (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) |
| | Be a Ticket Taker at the Friday Evening Performance (free admittance) |
| | Be a Ticket Taker at the Saturday Afternoon Performance (free admittance) |
| | Coordinate Afterglow (excused from clean-up on the 9 th) |
| | Work on Tech Crew (need to be at all Tech Rehearsals, Dress Rehearsal and both performances) |
| | Coordinate Snacks for the rehearsal on Jan 29 th |
| | Coordinate Snacks for dress rehearsal on Feb 6 th |

Parent Signature _____

Printed Name _____