North Hills Middle School Drama Club Winter Musical 2024-25 Audition Information

Who is Eligible to Participate?
The Winter Musical is open to all students in grades 6-8. Positions are available in both the Cast and on the Tech Crew. More information about Tech Crew will be shared in November at a separate meeting.

Audition Information:

Audition Practice Session: (not required, but HIGHLY recommended!)
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024 from 3:00-4:30PM in the Middle School Auditorium.
We will teach the audition song and dance that will be required during auditions, as well as give time for students to practice the acting portion. Sign-up sheets for audition days will be available at the end of the practice.

First Round: You may sign up to audition in groups of two (but a "partner" is not required). When you are called into the audition room, each person will sing INDIVIDUALLY, then read the scene with a partner or director. Please bring your completed **Audition Information Form** to give to the judges. At the end of every 8 auditions, we will call everyone who has auditioned in that group back into the audition room and you will perform the dance audition in a group. Once your group has done **all 3 parts**, you may leave.

Sign-up sheets will be posted outside of Room A011 after the practice on October 10. Plan to arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled audition if you go home and come back. You are only required to stay for the hour that you sign up, and may leave after you have completed all three parts: singing, reading, and dancing.

Wednesday, October 16 (LGI Room)	3:00-4:00, 4:00-5:00, 5:00-6:00
Thursday, October 17 (Auditorium)	3:00-4:00, 4:00-5:00, 5:00-6:00
Friday, October 18 (LGI Room)	3:00-4:00, 4:00-5:00 (5:00-6:00 if needed)

Callback Auditions: a list will be posted online at nhchoiranddrama.net (under the drama menu, then middle school) after school on **Monday, October 21** indicating who is to come to callbacks. These are times for the directors to hear and see people a second or third time so that we pick the best cast we can. If you are not on the callback list, it DOES NOT mean you should panic. You may already have a spot in the cast and we don't need to hear or see anything else from you. If you are on the callback list, you must attend all of the following:

Wednesday, October 23	3:00-4:30 Rehearsal to learn new songs & practice scenes (Room A011)
Thursday-Friday, October 24-25	3:00-5:00 Callback Auditions (Room A011)

The directors may decide to only hear certain people on each day. That information will be communicated at the rehearsal on October 23, but plan on being available both Thursday and Friday.

Final Cast List Posted ONLINE
Once callback auditions are completed, the directors will determine the cast list. We will be taking about 65 students this year. Unfortunately, NOT ALL STUDENTS THAT AUDITION WILL BE ACCEPTED INTO THE SHOW. Once the list has been finalized, we will post it on the choir/drama website at (http://www.nhchoiranddrama.net > Drama > Middle School Drama Club). This will likely happen Saturday morning, October 26 (it usually takes a very long time to decide on the cast list and we'd rather not post it late Friday evening!).

First Full Cast Rehearsal:
If your name is on the list, you are expected to be at the first rehearsal on ***Wednesday, October 30, 2024*** from 3:00-5:00PM in the Middle School Auditorium. At this rehearsal, you'll receive a complete schedule, script, and cast contract which must be signed and returned in order to be in the show.

There are student Drama Club dues of $50 required for each cast member. This pays for your hoodie, food, and other costs throughout rehearsals and performances. Any questions or concerns, email Mr. Cloonan (cloonans@staff.nhsd.net)

Schedule-at-a-Glance

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
6	7	8	9	10 Prep Practice 3:00-4:30	11	12
13	14 NO SCHOOL	15 Auditions 3-4,4-5,5-6PM	16 Auditions 3-4,4-5,5-6PM	17 Auditions 3-4,4-5PM	18	19
20	21 Callback List Posted online	22	23 Callback Practice 3:00-4:30	24 Callback Auditions 3:00-5:00	25 Callback Auditions 3:00-5:00	26 Cast List Posted
27	28	29	30 First Rehearsal 3:00-5:00	31 Full Cast 3:00-4:30	November 1 School Dance No Rehearsal	

November & December 2024

Specific days and who should report will be distributed on the full schedule.
The general schedule will be: After School from 3:00-4:00, 4:30 or 5:00 depending on what we are doing.
Dance rehearsal days are usually longer (5:00). Days of concerts there are usually no practices.

January/February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 NO SCHOOL	2 3:00-5:00	3 3:00-5:00	4 10:00-2:00 Crew Work Day
5	6 3:00-5:00	7 3:00-5:00	8 3:00-5:00	9 3:00-5:00	10 3:00-5:00	11 10:00-2:00 Crew Work Day
12	13 3:00-5:00	14 3:00-5:00	15 3:00-5:00	16 3:00-5:00	17 NO SCHOOL	18 10:00-2:00 Crew Work Day
19 **MANDATORY TECH WEEK**	20 NO SCHOOL	21 3:00-**6:00**	22 3:00-6:00	23 3:00-6:00	24 3:00-6:00	25 10:00-2:00 Crew Work Day
26	27 3-6PM Dress Rehearsal	28 3-6PM Dress Rehearsal 6-7PM Photos	29 Preview Day During School	30 Show #1	31 Show #2	February 1 Show #3 Cast Party

All cast members are permitted to miss 5 rehearsals and be late to/leave early from 5 rehearsals. Many athletes balance their time within these guidelines so that they can participate in both musical and other activities. You must **notify Mr. Cloonan ahead of time** and you must learn any new material that you miss when not at rehearsal. The only exception to this policy is during the last TWO WEEKS of the show (**January 21-February 1**). Those practices/run-throughs are mandatory for ALL cast & crew members, NO EXCEPTIONS (except excused illnesses from school)! This is especially important during the listed Dress Rehearsals, where we use microphones, lights, & costumes for the first time.

All information for the auditions, including dance videos, acting and music materials, and vocal practice tracks, will be posted after the October 10 rehearsal at **nhchoiranddrama.net** > DRAMA > Middle School Drama Club > 2025: Seussical Jr