



North Hills Middle School Drama Club

Winter Musical 2023-24

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 around Thanksgiving.

Audition Information:

Audition Practice Session: (not required, but HIGHLY recommended!)

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 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 11. 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.

Tuesday, October 17 (LGI Room)	3:00-4:00, 4:00-5:00, 5:00-6:00
Wednesday, October 18 (LGI Room)	3:00-4:00, 4:00-5:00, 5:00-6:00
Thursday, October 19 (Auditorium)	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) late in the evening on **Thursday, October 19** 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. If you are on the callback list, you must attend all of the following:

Monday, October 23	3:00-4:00 Rehearsal to learn new songs & practice scenes (auditorium)
Tuesday, October 24	3:00-5:30 Callback Auditions (auditorium)

Final Cast List Posted ONLINE

Once callback auditions are completed, the directors will determine the cast list. We will be taking about 60 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 late Tuesday evening (it usually takes a very long time to decide on the cast list).

First Full Cast Rehearsal:

If your name is on the list, you are expected to be at the first rehearsal on **Thursday, October 26, 2023** from 3:00-4:30PM 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 2023

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

November & December 2023

Specific days and who should report will be distributed on the full schedule. The general schedule will be:

November: After School from 3:00-4:00 or 4:30 (dance days are usually longer)

December: After School from 3:00-5:00 (days of concerts there are usually no practices)

January/February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 NO SCHOOL	2 3:00-5:00	3 3:00-5:00	4 3:00-5:00 First Crew Mtg.	5 3:00-5:00	6
7	8 3:00-5:00	9 3:00-5:00	10 3:00-5:00	11 3:00-5:00	12 NO SCHOOL	13
14	15 3:00-5:00	16 3:00-5:00	17 3:00-5:00	18 3:00- 7:30 Perform for SB	19 3:00-5:00	20
21 MANDATORY TECH WEEK	22 3:00- 6:00	23 3:00-6:00	24 3:00-6:00	25 3:00-6:00	26 3:00-6:00	27 9-11 Leads & Crew only
28	29 3-6PM Dress Rehearsal	30 3-6PM Dress Rehearsal 6-7PM Photos	31 Preview Day During School	February 1 Show #1	2 Show #2	3 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 22-February 3**). Those practices/run-throughs are mandatory for ALL cast & crew members, NO EXCEPTIONS (except excused illnesses from school)! This is especially important for leads at the Saturday Tech Rehearsal and everyone else during the listed Dress Rehearsals, where we use microphones, lights, & costumes for the first time.