



Dear Drama Club Parents/Guardians:

Congratulations!!! Your child has been cast for this year's production of *The Addams Family*. Performing in a musical is a memorable experience, and it is our pleasure to work with your child on this year's production. We want everyone involved to understand both the benefits and responsibilities that go along with being in a musical, so we have detailed some of the basics here.

There are a few dates you will want to mark on your calendar. The ensemble actors will be in each of the four performances. The leads for the BLUE cast will perform Friday evening and during Saturday's matinee; leads for the RED cast will perform Saturday evening and in Sunday's matinee. The leads are asked to attend the shows they are not performing in to help backstage and support their fellow cast members.

- **Friday evening, January 25**, we will have a full cast rehearsal after school. We will then have our cast party, and our first BLUE cast performance will be that evening at 7:00 pm in the auditorium at George Fischer Middle School.
- **Saturday matinee, January 26**, students will need to be dropped off at GFMS at 11:00 am to prepare for our first matinee performance with the BLUE cast that will be at 2:00 pm.
- **Saturday evening, January 26**, students should return to GFMS at 5:00 to prepare for the 7:00 pm performance to be performed by the RED cast.
- **Sunday, January 27**, students should be dropped off at 12:00 to prepare for our final RED cast performance that will be at 2:00 pm.

As with any group activity, every participant has responsibilities. Please look over the following items to make sure you and your child feel you can honor the commitment to being a part of a show.

Attendance: Calendars are provided to students for each month. If there are conflicts, please let the production team know as soon as possible. Students are expected to attend all rehearsals they are called for unless prior approval has been given. Failure to do so can result in dismissal from the show.

Rehearsals: Rehearsals will typically last from 2:30-3:25 each day unless otherwise specified on the calendar. Students should bring their scripts and a pencil to rehearsal and should practice their lines and songs at home. The music for the show is available on Mr. Esposito's website.

Extended Rehearsals and Saturday Rehearsals: Each month there will be one or two extended rehearsals where the cast will be asked to stay until 5:00 pm. The two weeks prior to the show, rehearsals will go until 5pm for dress rehearsals and tech week. We will also schedule two or three Saturday rehearsals to be held in December and January. These rehearsals will be noted on the monthly calendars and will be held from 9:30 to 1:00 at GFMS. Please make sure you have arranged for your child to be picked up on time from each rehearsal.

All cast and crew members are asked to purchase a company t-shirt. We will select dates for the company to come to school in their t-shirts to promote the show, and all participants will need the t-shirt to for our performance at the pep rally. Students should complete the form sent home with their sizes, DVD order, and any food restrictions for the cast party, and return it this week so we can order their Addams Family t-shirts.

We are looking forward to a great year! Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Monroe, Tom Esposito, and Annie Davey