

2017-2018 VAMS DRAMA CLUB INFORMATION SHEET

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YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL! YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

THE BASICS

- there are four productions per year, plus a summer drama class. You may participate in zero, one, two, three, four or all five of the productions!
- productions are open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students attending school in Verona.
- everyone who auditions will get a part! Don't worry about "not being good enough" - you are! If you want to be a part of Drama Club, I want to work with you!
- the extra curricular fee for any middle school activity is \$50 for the first activity, \$30 for the second activity and \$20 for the third activity. All additional activities are free! This includes basketball, volleyball, cross country, track and all drama activities. Improv Comedy and the one act plays are one activity, Forensics is another, and the all school musical is another. Scholarships are available. Don't let the fee stop you from being involved!
- you must be passing in all of your classes (including Encore classes) to participate.
- a strong emphasis is placed on ensemble building, celebrating each other's greatness, respecting one another, improving drama and speaking skills, and having fun!
- each production offers an optional field trip to go see area theatre

PRODUCTION #1: IMPROVISATIONAL COMEDY SHORTS

Are you good at making people laugh? Do you think quickly? Do you like being silly? Are you a fan of the tv show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" If you said yes to any of these questions, Improvisational Comedy Shorts is the activity for you! We'll learn 6-8 really cool games and present them to an audience. You'll laugh until milk comes out of your nose, or your frowns will be cheerfully refunded! This activity rehearses at Badger Ridge, but there is a bus that takes Savanna Oaks students to BRMS!

Rehearsals: Tuesdays and Thursdays starting September 19th from 3:45-5:30 pm

Performances: Tuesday, October 10th during the day and evening (you will need to be at BRMS at 6:00 that night for the 7:00 show, the show will end at 8:45, we will have a cast only cast party until 9:30 pm)

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PRODUCTION #2: ONE ACT PLAYS

This is a series of four one act plays. Every student who auditions will be cast in one show. Three shows rehearse at Badger Ridge. One show rehearses at Savanna Oaks. You may audition for any show! Transportation will be provided.

The Monday night show will rehearse at SOMS. It will be the comedy "This Is A Test". The main character is stressing out about the final exam - they can't remember anything, they didn't get the review sheets, everyone else is cheating and the essay question is in Chinese! This show takes a look at stress in a funny way.

The Tuesday night show will rehearse at BRMS. It will be the Shakespearean comedy "Much Ado About Nothing." This is a humorous look at relationships - both good and evil. It also features four bumbling officers of the law who somehow stumble upon the truth to setting everything right. Don't be afraid of the language - this show is super fun!

The Wednesday night show will rehearse at BRMS. "The Winter of 1917" is a drama about a group of friends that get lost in the woods during a storm. They take refuge in a cabin. They are slowly drawn back in time to a scene that happened in that room 100 years ago. It's a spooky ghost story that plays with time and identity.

The Thursday night show will rehearse at BRMS. It is the comedy "But We Don't" by Alan Haehnel. The ensemble cast begins the show by making a series of statements about what they could do onstage - but they don't. They next explore the reasons why they don't. This quirky comedy is classic Alan Haehnel work!

All casts will have a total of 10 rehearsals, with Saturday rehearsals on November 4th, November 18th and December 9th. You are strongly encouraged to read scripts before auditioning. Here's how:

"This Is A Test": read the free sample online at www.dramaticpublishing.com

"Much Ado About Nothing": see/email me for the original version we'll be performing!

"The Winter of 1917": see/email me for a copy not available online

"But We Don't": read the free sample online at www.playscripts.com

Auditions: Monday, October 9th at Savanna Oaks, and Tuesday and Wednesday, October 10th and 11th and Badger Ridge, from 3:45-5:30 pm. You must audition on one night.

Rehearsals: once a week from 3:45-5:30 pm starting the week of October 16th.

Performances: December 13th at SOMS for "This Is A Test" and "Much Ado About Nothing" during the day and 7-9 pm, and December 14th at BRMS for "The Winter of 1917" and "But We Don't" during the day and 7-9 pm.

Cast Party: Tuesday, December 19th from 3:45-5:30 pm at BRMS for all casts

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PRODUCTION #3: FORENSICS

This is a speech and drama activity that puts you in the driver's seat! There are 15 categories to choose from, including play acting, solo acting, poetry, prose, four minute speech, radio news broadcast and skits. You may choose a category where you work by yourself, or in a group. You may choose a category where you memorize your selection or read it. If you're an 8th grader, you may choose two categories. It's all about you! You perform at "meets" on Saturdays. Transportation is provided to "away" meets.

Rehearsals: once a week starting the week of December 14th.

Performances: Saturdays, January 27th, February 3rd and 10th, and a Family Night performance on Monday, February 5th (at BRMS) from 7-9 pm.

PRODUCTION #4: ALL SCHOOL MUSICAL

This is the most time intensive of the activities, but also a great deal of fun! Every student who auditions will be cast! You do not need prior singing or dancing experience. All rehearsals are at BRMS. Transportation is provided. Ms. Nelson, the Choir director at BRMS does the musical direction, while I do the stage direction. Olivia Rose and Lydia Benz from VAHS do special choreography. This year's musical is "Once On This Island". This is an amazing story about the power of love. Set on an island in the Caribbean during a storm, the villagers tell a young girl frightened by the storm a story about how their island came to be the way it is. The story will move you to tears - really! Due to overlapping schedules, you may not do track and the musical. Sometimes life is full of hard choices!

Auditions: Monday, February 5th and Tuesday, February 6th from 3:45-6:00 pm. You must audition on one night.

Rehearsals: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:45-6:00 pm for the full cast, starting Thursday, February 8th. Small groups also rehearse on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:45-5:30 pm. There are three Saturday rehearsals for the full cast from 9:00am-1:00pm on March 10th, April 7th and April 21st. The full cast also rehearses Monday through Thursday from 3:45-6:00 pm the weeks of April 9th and 16th.

Performances: School shows on April 23rd and 24th during the day, evening shows on April 25th and 26th (you will need to be at BRMS from 5:30-10:00 pm each night, the shows start at 7 pm each night)

Cast Party: Monday, April 30th from 3:45-6:00 pm (tentative)

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SUMMER DRAMA

This is a two-week summer drama class that is offered in the morning, with a different class offered in the afternoon. The morning class meets from 8:30-11:30 am. The afternoon class meets from 12noon-3:00 pm. Each class performs a different one-act play. You may take either class. If you have taken the class before, you are welcome to take the class again! The class will run from July 9th-19th. The cost of the class is \$100. Registration will begin on April 2nd and continue until the classes are full.

2017-2018 Drama Club Audition Card

NAME: _____ HEIGHT: _____
GRADE: _____ WEIGHT: _____
SCHOOL HOUSE: _____ EYE COLOR: _____
ACCESS/HOUSE TEACHER: _____ HAIR COLOR: _____
HOME ADDRESS: _____ HOME/CELL PHONE 1: _____
CITY/ZIP: _____ HOME/CELL PHONE 2: _____
WHAT PREVIOUS DRAMA EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD? _____

_____.

WHAT IS YOUR GOAL FOR BEING IN DRAMA CLUB THIS YEAR? _____
_____.

-----STOP HERE! YOU'LL FILL IN THE REST
LATER!-----

WORKING BACKSTAGE

- 1) I would like to work backstage instead of being on stage: YES NO
(If you circled no for #1, you can skip the rest of the questions in this section!)
- 2) I am interested in the following work backstage (circle all that apply):
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| SET PAINTING | RUNNING LIGHTS | RUNNING SOUND |
| RUNNING SPOTLIGHTS | VIDEO TAPING | SET MOVING |
- 3) I would like to work backstage for the following activities (circle all that apply):
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| IMPROVISATIONAL COMEDY SHORTS | ONE ACT PLAYS | MUSICAL |
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IMPROVISATIONAL COMEDY SHORTS

- 1) I am interested in participating in Improvisational Comedy Shorts: YES NO
- 2) I have the following conflicts with the Tuesday/Thursday rehearsal schedule:
- _____.
- 3) Will you accept any role in this production (circle one)? YES

4) What else regarding Improvisational Comedy Shorts would you like me to know about you? _____

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ONE ACT PLAYS

- 1) I am interested in participating in the one act plays: YES NO
- 2) Different casts rehearse Monday-Thursday. Which nights are you available (circle all that apply): MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY
- 3) Which Saturday rehearsals are you available for (circle all)? NOV 4 NOV 18 DEC 9
- 4) What is your first choice for a show to be in? _____
- 5) What character(s) would you like to play in that show? _____
- 6) What is your second choice for a show to be in? _____
- 7) What character(s) would you like to play in that show? _____
- 8) What size part are you hoping to get (circle one): SMALL MEDIUM LARGE
- 9) Will you accept any role in this production (circle one): YES
- 10) What else regarding the one act plays would you like me to know about you? _____

FORENSICS

- 1) I am interested in participating in Forensics (circle one): YES NO
- 2) I am interested in this kind of category (circle one): SOLO GROUP
- 3) What category(ies) are you interested in? _____
- 4) What night do you plan to rehearse on (circle one): TUESDAY THURSDAY BOTH
- 5) If you are in a group category, with whom are you planning on working? _____
- 6) If you are in a group category, do you need more people (circle one)? YES NO
- 7) Will you accept any role in this production (circle one): YES
- 8) What else regarding Forensics would you like me to know about you? _____

ALL SCHOOL MUSICAL

- 1) I am interested in participating in the All School Musical (circle one): YES NO
- 2) Rehearsals for different groups are held Monday-Thursday. Which nights are you available (circle all that apply): MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY
- 3) Which Saturday rehearsals are you available for (circle all)? MAR 10 APR 7 APR 21
- 4) What character(s) are you interested in playing? _____
- 5) What previous singing experience have you had? _____
- 6) What previous dancing experience have you had? _____
- 7) What musical instrument(s) do you play? _____
- 8) What size part are you hoping to get (circle one): SMALL MEDIUM LARGE
- 9) Will you accept any role in this production (circle one): YES
- 10) Regarding the All School Musical, what else would you like us to know about you?
