

Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers:

I cannot express to you my excitement to be able to have a musical this year and have the opportunity to work with such talented students! Your student has shown an interest in auditioning to be a part of this year's production of *Seussical: The Musical*. Being a part of the DHS ACTS production requires a commitment, therefore the following details are imperative for all students who would like to participate.

- The production will take place on Thursday, May 26th at 7pm, Friday, May 27th at 7pm, and Saturday, May 28th at 2pm and 7pm.
- Auditions will take place on Wednesday, March 23rd at 2pm. Participating in a high school production requires a certain level of professionalism and commitment, therefore, we will not be accepting everyone who auditions.
- The first rehearsal for all cast and crew is on Monday, March 28th at 2:45pm.
- We will be holding a virtual parent meeting at the beginning of April (date will be finalized once we have the cast and crew list). During this meeting we will discuss the rehearsal schedule and parent help that will be needed to ensure that the musical is successful. If you can, please attend.

A tentative rehearsal schedule will be posted on the DHS ACTS website.

I am sure that your household schedules are just as busy as mine. Therefore, I would like to give you an idea of the time commitment that will be expected of the cast.

- End of March/April: Student actors will be called to rehearsal based on what is needed/who is needed to accomplish the call. Rehearsals for 8th grade students will be on Wednesdays and Fridays from 3-5:30pm.
- April Vacation: As of right now I am planning to hold rehearsals Tuesday-Friday of April Vacation 9am-4pm. We are working towards a fast deadline and will not be able to afford to go dark for a week. That being said, we understand that this is a last minute commitment and that families may have plans to go away this week.
- May:
  - Student actors should expect to start to be called to more rehearsals as we finish the show and begin running. I will be working closely with Ms. Bennett to ensure students will not be missing rehearsals for the middle school show.
  - **Sunday**, May 22nd: Sitzprobe and tech day (8am-8pm). Actors will be called for the first half of the day. Tech crew will be called for the second half of the day.
  - Monday-Wednesday, May 23rd-25th: Tech Week. Everyone will be expected at rehearsal from 3-9pm.

It is of the utmost importance that all participants understand that if they would like to be a part of this production, they will need to attend all scheduled rehearsals that they are called for. Missing rehearsal more than three times (unless excused by the director) will result in being asked to step down from a role.

If your student is cast, there is a \$50 activity fee to participate in the musical. This can be paid through eFunds online or by writing a check to DHS ACTS. We do need payment as soon as rehearsals begin. If you have trouble paying the fee, please contact the school administration for assistance.

Please sign the attached permission slip and fill out the information clearly as email will be the main form of communication between myself and you. Please have your student return it to me by Monday, March 28th.

Lastly, DHS ACTS is a self-funded entity. Therefore, we will be asking for help from the adults at home to help us fundraise, sell concessions during our shows and possibly to help accomplish some technical elements as well. Thank you for your support of the theatre arts and of your talented students.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

Thank you,

Neva Ventullo

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*Seussical: The Musical*

# DHS ACTS

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the DHS ACTS production of, *Seussical: The Musical*. I am aware of the policy regarding attendance at rehearsals.

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*Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Name*

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*Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Signature*

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*Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Email*

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*Student Email*

**If you are able to volunteer your time and help, what area would you be of most assistance?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Set construction

\_\_\_\_\_ Painting

\_\_\_\_\_ Props

\_\_\_\_\_ Costumes  
Sales

\_\_\_\_\_ Concessions/Bake Sale

\_\_\_\_\_ Ticket

\_\_\_\_\_ Program/Advertising