

MUSICAL THEATRE 9-12

Teachers: Ms. A. Barber & Mr. T. Rokeby
Time: Tuesday & Thursday 3:15 - 5:00 pm
Location: Onstage & Multipurpose Room

Musical Theatre is a full credit course, which takes place outside of the regular school timetable. Expectations for this course are no different than for regularly scheduled classes. Students must arrive on time, ready to learn and work. They will be taught specific skills which will be applied and tested, and a final grade will be formulated to be included on the students' semester report cards.

Our class meets at the above times; however, it should be understood that as we get closer to various performances, we will need to add more rehearsal time. This will be done in advance and with student input, but in order to ensure successful productions, students must be flexible. Students have been provided with a paper copy of our schedule for the year. Updates will be posted at the school website, under Mr. Rokeby's cyber stage page, and should be checked regularly. We do our utmost to inform students and families of our schedule ahead of time in order to avoid conflicts in the future. Students are asked to share this information with their families, and parents are encouraged to check the website for yourself and contact us with any concerns, A.S.A.P.

<http://schools.sd68.bc.ca/bars/staff/rokeby.html>

Musical theatre offers students the choice between two study options. Students who are interested in performing onstage will be given training in singing, acting and movement. Students who are interested in working backstage will be given training in technical elements, stage craft, and production. At the beginning of October, all students will undergo a vocal assessment. At this time students will also be asked to make a decision concerning their area of interest. This decision is left to the student, with the teachers providing feedback and information in order to help the student choose.

The ultimate goal of the musical theatre program is to produce, as a company, the best musical ever to be performed at John Barsby. This year's production will take place in mid-April. However the audition process starts now. Dedication, punctuality, and attitude will all be part of the difficult process of casting our musical.

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Musical theatre students will also have the opportunity to perform at, and/or attend the following:

John Barsby Variety Night (December 3rd)

C.C.P. A. Musical Productions (Dec. 12Th & Apr. 23rd) *

Christmas Choir Performances (December)

North Island Regional Drama Fest (March 2nd, 3rd, & 4th) *

Upper Island and Vancouver Island Music Festivals (Spring)*

Con Brio Music Festival – Whistler or Sun Peaks (Spring) *

Participation in the Variety Night and the Spring Musical is mandatory for all students. Events marked with an * are not mandatory, and involve costs which must be covered by the student. More details will follow as soon as possible concerning these opportunities.

In order for the above events to be successful, we welcome parental involvement. Carpooling, fundraising, field trip supervision, set construction, costuming, props, ticket sales and advertising are all areas where an interested and involved parent can truly enrich our program. No experience necessary. Get involved and find out just how fantastic drama kids are!

Please contact us at trokeby@sd68.bc.ca if you would like to get involved.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN BY TUESDAY, SEPT 29TH

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