

October 8, 2019

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to the 2019 – 2020 season of the O'Rourke Middle School Drama Club! We will be producing the spring musical *The Lion King, Jr.* this year and would like you to take a few minutes to read some very important information regarding workshops, auditions, etc.

The Production Staff for *The Lion King, Jr* will be hosting 6 audition workshops; please see the dates on the attached sheet. The workshops are designed to help students who would like to audition for a role on stage to become more familiar with the show and to learn specific songs for the auditions. Attendance is not mandatory for those students auditioning. It is strongly recommended, however, that if students are interested in practicing their songs, they should attend.

Stage Crew: Students interested in stage crew positions do not have to attend workshops. The interview date for Stage Crew positions will be Tuesday, December 3, 2019. **Please note that the stage crew will be meeting during rehearsal periods 2 - 3 days a week, starting in January and will also be asked to attend a few Saturday work days.

Mandatory Parent/Student Meeting: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 (6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – MS Cafeteria). We must ask that **all** parents attend, as we will be discussing the many aspects of putting on a Middle School musical, the time commitments necessary and the ways in which you as a parent can help with the production. Please bring a calendar and be prepared to sign up to help out on various committees.

Auditions: (Room 137)

~**Singing Auditions** – Tuesday, December 3, 2019 (2:30 – ?) – This will be one of the few times we will work during Activity Period. Students will sign up for a 5 minute audition period to sing one of the songs learned in the workshops. **Mandatory attendance for cast!**

~**Reading Auditions** – Wednesday, December 4, 2019 (2:30 -?). This will be one of the few times we will work during Activity Period. **All students auditioning for the cast must attend this audition and be prepared to stay late, if necessary.**

~**Call Back Auditions for Cast/Auditions** – Thursday, December 5, 2019 (2:30 -?). A list will be posted that morning for those **cast members** who will be asked to come to call back auditions to sing, dance or read again.

~**Cast/Stage Crew List Posted** – Friday, December 6, 2019 The cast/crew lists will be emailed to all students and parents at the **end** of the school day.

1st Read-through Rehearsal: - Friday, December 13, 2019 (2:30 – 6:30 p.m.). **Mandatory attendance for all cast and stage crew.** At this meeting, students will receive a detailed letter describing the production dates, scripts and/or sheet music, rules and expectations, order forms for tee shirts and magnets and many other pertinent details about our musical production. ***Please note: we will hand out a sample copy of last year's rehearsal schedule at the Parent meeting. It is very important that students and parents discuss the importance of time management, commitment to fulfilling responsibilities, etc.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at your earliest convenience.

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Important Dates for DRAMA CLUB.(DC) Calendar 2019 - 2020

- Tuesday, October 8 – Activity Period (AP) -1st Information Workshop
- Tuesday, October 15 – 6:30-8:00 pm Mandatory Parent's Information Meeting
- ★• Thursday, October 17– AP – DC Workshop #1/Nominate Officers
- ★• Thursday, October 24 – AP – DC Workshop #2/Elections
- Tuesday, October 29 – AP - DC Workshop #3
- Wednesday, November 6 – AP – DC Workshop #4
- Thursday, November 14 – AP – DC Workshop #5
- Wednesday, November 20 - AP - DC Workshop #6
- Tuesday, December 3 – Singing Auditions 2:30 -?(students sign up for time slot)
- Wednesday, December 4– Reading Auditions 2:30 -?
- Thursday, December 5 – Call Back Auditions 2:30 -?
- Friday, December 13 – DC Read Through 2:30-6:30 pm
- Wednesday, February 12, 2020 – Makeup Workshop 3:30 – 6:30
- Thursday, February 13, 2020 – Costume Parade 3:30 – 6:30
- Saturday, February 29, 2020 –Tech Day 9:00 am – 7:00 pm
- Monday, March 2, 2020 – Dress Rehearsal #1 2:30 -?
- Tuesday, March 3, 2020 – Dress Rehearsal #2 2:30 -?
- Wednesday, March 4, 2020 – Elementary and OMS Previews
- Wednesday, March 4, 2020 – OMS Invited Dress - 4:30 (start)
- Thursday, March 5, 2020 – TBD Rehearsal
- **Friday, March 6 (7:00 PM) and Saturday, March 7, 2020 (2:00 and 7:00 PM) – OMS Musical (3 performances)**
- Sunday, March 8, 2020 - TBA - Snow date for any performance
- Monday, March 9, 2020 – DC Production Party 2:30 – 4:30
- Saturday, March 21, 2020 – 6:00 am - 10:00 pm -DC Trip to NYC – *Aladdin!*
- Tuesday, May 26, 2020 - Final DC Production Staff Mtg.
- Wednesday, May 27, 2020 - Final DC Student Mtg.: 2021 Show Announced
- Thursday, June 11, 2020 - Flag Day Parade