



## **DRAMA CLUB DESCRIPTIONS 2023 - 2024**

### **Upper School Play (Grades 5th -8th)**

The Upper School Play is open to students in grades 5th - 8th. For 2024, the play will be a Musical. All students who wish to perform in the play will receive a role; no one is cut. Everyone must audition to be considered for a role. Students can also elect to be on Stage Crew rather than performing on stage. Stage Crew is open to students in Grades 6 to 8. Stage Crew will need to write a letter of intention to be considered for the Crew. Auditions are typically held in December. Rehearsals begin in Jan and continue until the performance date which is March 21, 2024 this year.

Participating in the school play is a BIG commitment. Students are expected to attend weekly, and in some cases depending on their role, daily rehearsals. Additionally, rehearsals tend to go until 4:30/5:00 as the performance date nears.

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### **Upper School Dance Ensemble Grades 5th to 8th (Mondays)**

The Dance Ensemble is open to students in grades 5th-8th. The Ensemble will meet on Mondays in the SAC and/or Drama Room from 2:30-3:10. Rehearsal schedule is subject to change. Updates will be sent to parents and students via email and posted in the Dance Ensemble Google Classroom.

The purpose of this performance group is to prepare original dance pieces that may be performed at the Veterans Day Assembly and/or the Winter Arts Festival. All genres of dance are welcomed! Tap, ballet, lyrical, hip-hop, Irish, Indian, modern, and more!

If you would like to be a part of the Upper School Dance Ensemble the following is required:

\*You must be an accomplished dancer who has been taking lessons for 2 or more years and are **CURRENTLY** taking lessons privately or within a studio.

\*Mandatory weekly attendance is **required!** Full commitment is a **MUST!!!!**

Please note that as a performance nears, there will be additional practices and dress rehearsals.

\*Dancers will also be required to purchase costumes, dance attire, shoes, etc...if needed for performances at these assemblies.

### **Thespian Troupe Grades 6th - 8th (Thursdays and Fridays; See Schedule in Thespian Google Classroom)**

Oak Hill Academy's Jr. Thespian Troupe #89635 is open to students in grades 6th - 8th. The Thespians work towards a short performance for the Winter Arts Festival assembly. Additionally, students have the option of being inducted into the International Thespian Society at the Junior level. This is an HONOR SOCIETY! Students will become eligible to be inducted once they have completed 50 hours of work in the Drama Program at Oak Hill. To learn more about ITS and being inducted at the Jr. level click here:

<https://schooltheatre.org/international-thespian-society/>

To stay on as an active member, each student is required to continue to participate in drama programs to earn more points/hours.

The students also have the opportunity to compete at the NJ JR. Thespian Festival in Toms River, NJ in late May.

Students must participate in their weekly drama classes, the Jr. Troupe's weekly meetings, the Upper School Play, stage crew or in one of our many assemblies throughout the school year. To get involved please see Mrs. DeVivo.

The rehearsal schedule varies depending on how many students will be involved. Mrs. DeVivo will email schedules to parents and students.