



**Student Information Packet  
2019-2020 Season**

Welcome to CHS Theatre Arts! This packet includes information about our organization, as well as details about our shows and fundraisers for the 2019-20 school year. While this information is available online, we recommend keeping a hard copy of this packet to refer back to throughout the school year.

## Season Shows

This year's CHS Theatre Arts season includes two shows – a play and musical.



In addition to our two season shows, we will also be hosting two themed fundraisers, which include activities and a small show geared towards elementary-aged kids. Our fundraiser shows do not require an audition to be on stage. Students sign up to perform and are added to the show lineup on a first-come, first-served basis (spots are limited). More information on how and when to sign up for these shows, as well as the music that will be featured in each show, will be released closer to each event.

## How To Get Involved

There are several ways to get involved in the CHS Theatre Arts organization.

### 1) Audition for an onstage role

EVERYONE who auditions will be cast in either an ensemble, supporting, or lead role.

*Time Commitment: 3-4 months of rehearsals, typically 3 days a week, with occasional Saturday/Sunday rehearsals. Daily rehearsals the week of the show (tech week).*

### 2) Work backstage

We need A LOT of help backstage moving scenic elements and operating tech equipment.

*Time Commitment: 1 week of daily rehearsals the week of the show (tech week).*

### 3) Help at the door

Sell tickets, pass out programs, or assist people in finding their seats.

*Time Commitment: 1 night (arrive approx. 2 hours before show time for training).*

### 4) Participate in our fundraiser shows (MANDATORY FOR CAST MEMBERS)

Perform a song by yourself or with a group (no audition required), or help staff the event.

*Time Commitment: 3-7 rehearsals each show, depending on if you participate in group numbers. Only 1 night required if helping staff the event.*

## Attendance Expectations

Students who choose to audition for an onstage role are required to sign a commitment form, along with a parent/guardian, before attending rehearsal. This commitment form acknowledges that the student and parent/guardian understand that all rehearsals they are scheduled for are mandatory, and that only three (3) unexcused absences are permitted before being removed from the cast. Parents/guardians are also asked to help support the production by assisting with fundraisers, coordinating meals for tech week, working backstage, helping at the door during the show, etc.

## Activity Fees

To help cover the costs of production (costuming, props, etc.), there is a \$55 activity fee for the entire year (or \$20 for the play and \$35 for the musical, if participating in only one production). The activity fee for each production must be paid at auditions (payment is returned if students choose not to participate). Fees are doubled if a student and their parent opt out of participating in a fundraiser. PLEASE DON'T LET THE ACTIVITY FEE KEEP YOU FROM PARTICIPATING—we have anonymous sponsors who want to help! Please see an advisor if you would like a sponsor to assist you with the activity fee. Everything will be kept strictly confidential.

## Connect With Us

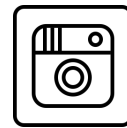
There are several ways to keep up with everything happening with CHS Theatre Arts.



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We also have all information posted on our website (**CHSTheatreArts.org**). If you are interested in participating in one of our shows, we have a private Facebook group and Snap Story that we will add you to. See one of our advisors or a current member of CHS Theatre Arts to be added. We will also be sending out Remind texts and email newsletters to both students and parents.

## Social Outings

Throughout the year, we will host multiple casual outings, including movie/game nights, going to see shows, etc. Information on these events will be announced at various times throughout the season.

## **Awards & MVHSTAs**

At the end of each season, we get together to celebrate all of our accomplishments from the school year. We call it "The Gertie Awards" (long story). At this awards banquet, students receive special "Gertie" awards based on nominations and votes by fellow CHS Theatre Arts members, as well as formal awards, including pins, medals, letterman patches, and plaques.

In addition to our program awards, we are members of The Miami Valley High School Theatre Awards (MVHSTAs). Inspired by the Tony Awards in NYC, the MVHSTA Awards Showcase gives our students the opportunity to be recognized for outstanding work on our shows, as well as the possibility of performing on the Schuster Center stage in front of hundreds of Dayton-area theatre students, parents, staff, and community members!

## 2019-20 Season Schedule

AUGUST		
August 22, 2:30 PM	Clue Auditions	
August 28, 6:00-9:00 PM	Clue Table Read	<i>Attendance Mandatory</i>
SEPTEMBER		
Clue Rehearsal Dates & Times TBA		<i>Attendance Mandatory</i>
OCTOBER		
Clue Rehearsal Dates & Times TBA		<i>Attendance Mandatory</i>
October 23, Time TBA	MonsterMash! Tech/Dress Rehearsal	
October 24, Time TBA	MonsterMash! Fundraiser	<i>Attendance Mandatory</i>
NOVEMBER		
Clue Rehearsal Dates & Times TBA		<i>Attendance Mandatory</i>
November 9-13	Clue Tech/Dress Rehearsals	<i>Attendance Mandatory</i>
November 14, 7:00 PM	Clue Opening PERFORMANCE	<i>Attendance Mandatory</i>
November 15, 7:00 PM	Clue PERFORMANCE	<i>Attendance Mandatory</i>
November 16, 7:00 PM	Clue PERFORMANCE	<i>Attendance Mandatory</i>
November 17, 2:00 PM	Clue Closing PERFORMANCE	<i>Attendance Mandatory</i>
November 23, Time TBA	Newsies Auditions	
November 24, Time TBA	Newsies Auditions	
DECEMBER		
December 3, Time TBA	Newsies Table Read	
Newsies Rehearsal Dates & Times TBA		<i>Attendance Mandatory</i>
JANUARY		
Newsies Rehearsal Dates & Times TBA		<i>Attendance Mandatory</i>
FEBRUARY		
Newsies Rehearsal Dates & Times TBA		<i>Attendance Mandatory</i>
February 6, Time TBA	Princess Power Tech/Dress Rehearsal	
February 7, Time TBA	Princess Power Fundraiser	<i>Attendance Mandatory</i>
MARCH		
March 1-5	Newsies Tech/Dress Rehearsals	<i>Attendance Mandatory</i>
March 6, 7:00 PM	Newsies Opening PERFORMANCE	<i>Attendance Mandatory</i>
March 7, 7:00 PM	Newsies PERFORMANCE	<i>Attendance Mandatory</i>
March 8, 2:00 PM	Newsies Closing PERFORMANCE	<i>Attendance Mandatory</i>
Newsies Brush Up Rehearsals (for Disney Trip) Dates & Times TBA		
APRIL		
April 4-8	Disney Trip & Performance	
MAY		
May 12, Time TBA	Gertie Awards (End-of-Year Awards)	
JUNE		
June 9, 7:30 PM	Miami Valley High School Theatre Awards	<i>At Schuster Center</i>