



St. Veronica has a tradition of producing great musicals every spring. This year, the students of St. Veronica will perform *HONK Jr!* Any student in grades 3-8 is able to participate in this musical. Once again, there are a group of parents and teachers working together to make this musical just as successful as our last. This packet has been created to give you all the information you need to know.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals will take place every Thursday and Friday after school from 3:20-5:00. A schedule has been attached to this packet informing you of days we do and do not have rehearsals. Only certain groups of students will need to be at each rehearsal. Typically, students with “principal cast roles” will be needed at rehearsals more often than students who have smaller speaking/singing roles, are in an ensemble, or are on the backstage crew. A monthly schedule will be emailed to you in advance letting you know exactly who needs to be at each rehearsal.

Registration Fee

There is a one-time \$85 registration fee for every student participating in this musical. This money will help offset all of the cost to produce the play, including the purchase or production of costumes, sets, props, rentals, licensing, etc. Included in this fee is a t-shirt that the students may need to wear with their costume as well as a script that each student will get to take notes in and keep at the conclusion of the show. Money must be turned in with the permission slip at the end of this packet. Please make checks payable to **St. Veronica FAB**. All money must be turned in before auditions begin and cannot be refunded.

Auditions

All auditions will take place on Thursday, October 10. Our Director Team will watch each student on their audition performance. Students need to sign up for one of the group times (Group A – 3:20-5:30PM or Group B – 6:00-8:00PM). You may choose the time on the permission form in the back of this packet. All students who audition are automatically in the play (either as a role assigned to them or in an ensemble). If a student wishes to be in the musical but does not want to audition, they can still join an ensemble.

Students may try out for as many parts as they would like – but only need to audition once. Every student that auditions must perform a monologue AND a song for their audition. A monologue is a character dialogue performed by one person. Students are welcome to find their own monologue or can pick up a monologue packet from Mr. Gardner in the music room.

Auditions (cont.)

The monologue should be less than one minute in length. Students will be judged on their eye contact, confidence, volume and speed of their voice, and their ability to “act the part” of the character giving the monologue.

The song that the students sing must be from either a Broadway show or a Disney movie. Students should sing a short excerpt of the song - about 30 seconds in length. Each student will have to pick one part of the song that they feel shows the best qualities of their voice. The singing auditions must be performed without music, but a starting note will be played if the student asks for it. Students will be judged on the volume of their voice, pitch, tempo, eye contact, confidence, and how well their voice fits with specific roles in the show.

Callbacks

After the first auditions are over, we will then call on a select number of students to come back the following week for second auditions, or “callbacks.” These students will receive a form containing scenes from the script to practice and one or more songs from the musical to practice. They will be asked to have their callback audition on Tuesday, October 15 and/or Wednesday, October 16 (depending on the role they are being called back for) in front of a larger panel of judges. They will read and act the lines and sing the songs they were given. After the callbacks are over, all students will be assigned a part or an ensemble in the play. Remember - have fun during your auditions and show the judges how much you enjoy acting!

Costumes and Makeup

As always, most of our costumes will be made, borrowed, or rented this year. However, for this specific musical, there will be costume pieces that we expect students to have for the performances – such as shoes, shorts, etc. Most of the items would be articles of clothing the students should already have, but something may have to be purchased depending on your child’s wardrobe. A complete list of what will be needed will be sent home as soon as we have a better understanding of what role everyone has and what is needed. Each student will also wear stage makeup for this production. Some students will be asked to come to school on a performance day already wearing some of their makeup. This information will also be sent out at a later time.

The “Play Week”

The week before the production is known as the “Play Week.” During this week, an extensive rehearsal schedule is needed to ensure that every aspect of the musical is ready for a performance. The entire cast is expected at each of these rehearsals – every day of the week. Times of rehearsals and performances can be found on the schedule inside this packet.

Performances

There will be three performances for this musical: Friday, March 13 at 7:00 PM, Saturday, March 14 at 7:00 PM, and Sunday, March 15 at 2:30 PM. Students are expected to be there with plenty of time to put costumes and makeup on. These times will be announced on a later date. General admission tickets will be sold by the Fine Arts Boosters and will cost \$7 for adults and \$5 for students.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can my child bring a snack to eat before rehearsal?

We encourage students to bring a small snack and/or drink to rehearsal. However, all food and drink must be completed by the start of rehearsal. It is the students' responsibility to clean up all trash left over from their snacks.

What should I do if my child cannot make a rehearsal?

Even with two rehearsals every week, each rehearsal is vital. However, if your child cannot make a rehearsal, please send in a note to Mr. Gardner as soon as possible.

Is more parent help needed for this musical?

YES! We are always looking for extra help to make this musical a success. Please find the Parent Volunteer page at the end of this packet and consider signing up for one or more of the spots we are looking for additional help at.

Can my child get any advice or help before auditions?

If a student would like ideas for monologues/songs – talk with Mr. Gardner. He will be able to give helpful advice to students who are auditioning.

When will audition results be announced?

Audition results will most likely be posted the week after callbacks. Cast listings will be posted on the wall outside of the music room when they are ready.

Who can I contact with any other questions:

This year we have a team of directors running this musical including Mr. Gardner, Shelly Arnold, Chris DiGiovanni, Kathie Lacy, Jennie Link, and Kay Stefanics. However, the best method of contact would be emailing Mr. Gardner (adam.gardner@stveronicacincy.org).

Permission Form

Please fill out the form below and return to school no later than **Friday, October 4**. All forms should be sent through the school office to Shelly Arnold c/o Brock Arnold 6G.

Student's Name: _____

Homeroom: _____

Phone Number: _____

_____ My child wants to audition for the musical to have a chance at receiving a role. He/She will audition on Thursday, October 10 at (*check one of the following*):

_____ 3:20-5:30PM* _____ 6:00-8:00PM _____ Either time

**there is the possibility the 3:20 time slot will go past the 5:30 ending time if we get too many students signed up for that time.*

_____ My child does not want to audition for the musical and would like to be placed in a choir/ensemble.

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Email: _____

*An email chain will be used as the primary contact method for monthly schedule updates.

This signed permission form will also serve as your note to the school office that your child will be staying after school every Thursday or Friday that their role is scheduled to come to musical rehearsal. You will only need to send a note in on Thursdays or Fridays if your child is unable to stay for musical rehearsal in order to let the office know how they are getting home.

***Every student must turn a \$85 registration fee with this permission form.** Please indicate shirt size for the colored t-shirt. If writing a check, please make checks payable to St. Veronica FAB. Keep in mind the students will not wear these shirts until March. If you anticipate them growing, you may wish to order a larger size.

Shirt Size (Please circle one):

Youth: Small Medium Large Extra-Large

Adult: Small Medium Large Extra-Large

We are very fortunate to have many of the parent directors here to volunteer their time for us – but putting a large-scale production together takes a lot of extra assistance! Please consider signing up for one or more areas listed on our “Parent Volunteer” paper on the next page

We also ask that you fill out the “Costume Measurements” page located after this form! This will help our costume team in creating all these costumes!