

Jamestown Rocks the Bard!

Jamestown Theater – 2012 – **REVISED 1/6/12**

General Information

This year Jamestown students will perform three condensed plays by William Shakespeare, each appropriately challenging for the different age groups. They are as follows:

Musical Welcome by The Kindergarten Chorus. 16 students will perform a song and dance in the theme of Shakespeare or the three selected plays. Approximately 5 minutes in duration.

Grades 1 and 2 – Romeo and Juliet. 20 students (10 1st graders, 10 2nd graders) will act out the story as narrated by one of the Yorktown High School Theater Student Directors. Approximately 15 minutes in duration.

Grades 3 and 4 – The Tempest. Students will have lines in modern day English. Approximately 20 minutes in duration.

Grade 5 – The Tragedy of Macbeth. Students will perform the show using Shakespearean English. Approximately 30 minutes in duration.

This year there will be NO AUDITIONS. Casting will be accomplished over the first few weeks of rehearsals. All interested students in grades 3 – 5 will be cast. Participation in the K Chorus and the 1st/2nd grade troupe will be determined by lottery if we are overenrolled.

The Student Information/Emergency Contact Sheet will serve as your child's registration. It can be found at the "Info/Emergency" link on this website or by hard copy in the school's front office. They can be submitted by email to 4xblsd@comcast.net or in the Play Box in the front office.

There is a one-time participation fee of \$40, due by the first rehearsal.

All forms are due by dismissal on Wednesday, January 11, 2012. If necessary, lotteries will be held for K Chorus and the 1st/2nd grade troupe on Thursday, January 12.

Rehearsal and Performance Schedule – REVISED 12/22/11

- 3rd/4th and 5th grade troupe rehearsals will be every Tuesday and Thursday starting Tuesday, January 17 from 5:30 – 7:00. Drop off is at the Music/Art Hallway doors, pick up at the Main Entrance/ Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) doors.
- The K Chorus and 1st/2nd grade troupes will rehearse **Thursdays starting January 19** from 3:45-5pm. K Chorus will be in Ms. Rekstad's classroom. 1st/2nd grade Troupe in Ms. Mueller's Music Room.
- Saturday rehearsal February 25, 10:00 – 2:00 in the MPR. Lunch provided.
- Tech Week – **ALL CAST Full Dress Rehearsal Thursday, March 8 and Monday, March 12** starting right after school, MPR.
- Snow day make up rehearsal, if necessary, Wednesday, Feb. 29 from 5:30 – 7:00.
- Performances **TUESDAY, March 13 at 2:00 pm** for the student body; Thursday and Friday, **March 15 and 16** at 7:00 pm.
- A Parent Meeting will be held on January 17 from 6:40 – 7:00 pm in the Library.

Partnerships with Yorktown High School and Catholic University

Again this year, Jamestown welcomes Yorktown High School Theater Arts students as Directors of our show. They will design, direct and choreograph all elements of the show, working with and teaching your children.

In addition, we are delighted to announce a new partnership with Catholic University's Masters of Theater Arts Education. A student enrolled in this program, Amal Saade, will be our Artistic Director this year. She will lead the Yorktown directors and oversee all elements of the play this year. She has extensive experience working with both young and teenaged children in theater, and is particularly familiar with Shakespeare. Jamestown parents will have the opportunity to meet Amal and the Yorktown Directors at the Parent Meeting from 6:40 – 7:00, toward the end of the first rehearsal on Tuesday, January 17.

Ways to Be Involved – REVISED 1/6/12

In addition to participating as an actor, there are a variety of ways students can be involved. The following crew descriptions will help your child consider options that are not onstage. **Interested students should fill out a registration form and clearly note at the top which of these crews they would**

like to join. Students will be able to register for these groups until the first day of rehearsals, Tuesday, January 17.

Set Crew – The Set Crew is responsible for creating the background and props used on stage during the show. Up to eight 4th and 5th grade students will meet once a week in Ms. Gaynor’s Art Room. Start date, weekday and times will be announced by Winter Break. Slots are filled on a first come, first served basis.

Backstage Crew – Backstage Crew is responsible for moving props as necessary during the show and for operating the curtains and lights. This group is limited to 6 students in grades 4 and 5. Backstage Crew members begin attending rehearsals approximately 3 weeks prior to performances. Slots are filled on a first come, first served basis.

Costume Crew – The Costume Crew helps the Costume Director create and assemble costumes for the actors. Participation in this group is open to all interested students in grades 2 and up.

Parent Helpers – We are always delighted to have help on any of the above crews from our talented Jamestown parent community!

Policies, Fees, Communications

Attendance at rehearsals is mandatory. Please consider the schedule carefully before your child commits to the program. Absences are excused for illness or family emergency, and must be called/emailed in before the start of the rehearsal to be missed.

Children are expected to demonstrate respect for the directors and other children at all times. Jamestown Theater operates with a "Three Strikes and You're Out" policy, reserving the right to dismiss any child that is consistently disruptive.

The one-time \$40 participation fee covers a variety of operating expenses and includes your child’s play t-shirt and performance DVD. Parents should also anticipate possible additional fees for their child’s costume.

Program developments and updates will be communicated by email and at the PTA website. General information can be found at jamestownpta.org.

Please contact Laura Ayres at 4xblsd@comcast.net or Rachel Dorf at Rachel@thedorfs.com with any questions or concerns.