

FMS Drama Club

Drama Club puts on two performances throughout the year.

A musical in the fall and a play in the spring.

Fall Musical - Director: Shannon Connors, Co-Director: Mary Pat Bielecki, Stage/Crew Director: Carol Gath

A musical is all about storytelling through singing, acting, and dancing!

Requirements:

Because this will culminate in a live performance, students will be assigned roles based on their audition. Any student not selected for a role will have an opportunity to participate in stage crew.

Meetings:

Each performance (musical & play) will have multiple required rehearsals (meetings) with a strict attendance policy.

Support Needed for both Musical and Play:

- The return of after-school late buses. Without late buses, not every student is allowed an opportunity to participate if they do not have an adult who is able to provide them with transportation.
- Hanging microphones for stage
- A new Spotlight (ours is not safe or functional)
- Extra supervision for students when they are off stage

Spring Play - Director: Heidi Margic, Co-Director: Mary Pat Bielecki, Stage/Crew Director: Carol Gath

A play is all about acting and playing a part! The directors pick the play from year to year.

There are live performances for the play (typically 2 nights).

Audition Process:

Students go through an audition process to be a part of the cast for the spring play.

The audition requires students to read and act out a monologue from the selected play of that year. Students are given different monologues to choose from the day of the audition. They have time to practice, look them over, ask questions, etc. before it is time to “perform” it on stage for their audition.

There are two days of auditions but students only have to come to one!

After both audition days, some students may be asked to come to a “call back” audition where they’ll read lines from the script with other students to see which characters work well together.

The cast list is posted the following day! (not all students who audition make the play cast list)
Students who didn’t make the cast are invited to join our stage crew, if they’d like.

(Auditions typically take place the last week of December).

Play rehearsals:

Play rehearsals are after school from the month of January through the end of March. During the last month, rehearsals take place every day of the week.

Students are given a play rehearsal schedule for the entire duration of the play, the very first rehearsal. Some students may be going to rehearsal every day depending on their role (lead part, minor lead, etc.), and some students may only be attending full cast rehearsals (ensemble roles).

Rehearsals run from dismissal until 4:30 pm and then leading up to show week, rehearsals will run until 5 pm.

During rehearsals, the directors will teach students how to block a scene (where to walk, talk, sit, stand, act, etc).

Show nights:

The show is on a Thursday and Friday night at FMS both starting at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 to attend.

All students in the cast and crew have to attend both performances!

Behind the scenes:

Typically for the spring play there is a director, a co-director, and a stage director.

The director and co-director do all the blocking, acting, staging, etc. Additionally, we do tasks of props, lights, sound, organizing ticket sales, t-shirts, etc.

The stage director builds and creates the set for the show and any other additional materials needed.