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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Hoboken Theatre Department would like to invite your child in grades K-12 to participate in this year's district production. This is a once in a lifetime theatrical opportunity as we will be the first school that gets to produce ***Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*** in North America. We are also working closely with the Broadway production team to help guide us. Because of this, the production calendar is vastly different than in previous years. Please read all the information below carefully.

If you are interested in having your child participate in this year's musical, please visit our website at <http://www.hoboken.k12.nj.us> under the "The Arts" link/Theatre Department/District Musical for a list of FAQ's to guide you through this process. This will help acclimate you to policies for rehearsals and the entire district production experience, as well as answer any questions you may have about the audition process.

All participants in the district production must commit to the audition process. It is different this year as students will attend one day that will encompass everything needed for their entire audition. **Failure to follow the audition process and policies will result in your child being ineligible to be cast in the show.** All audition material will be taught the day of auditions. There is nothing that your child needs to prepare in advance. While we hope to include every child who wishes to participate in the production, we also need to make sure that we have the resources needed to provide a safe and effective learning environment. In this production approximately 100 students will be cast equally across all five public schools, per grade, and through the lens of equity, diversity, and inclusion.

In an effort to expedite auditions, every student must pre-register using this google form [Registration Link](#). Online sign ups will happen from now until **November 27th.** **We can not accept late audition registrations this year.** Parents are welcome to stay for the duration of their child's audition in the auditorium only. Please keep these audition days cleared from other activities as your child may be here until 7pm. We will dismiss students as quickly as possible.

The callbacks list, cast list, and weekly rehearsal schedules are posted at <http://www.hoboken.k12.nj.us> under the "The Arts" link/Theatre Department/District Musical. If your child is cast in the production, you will be invited to a Google Classroom for both cast members and parents. That is where all information will be posted moving forward such as rehearsal schedules, costume requirements, and dance videos.

Auditions and all rehearsals are held in the Hoboken High School Auditorium. Please also note that the production team is NOT responsible for getting students back and forth between buildings after school. We are only responsible for your child once they have arrived at Hoboken High School's auditorium.

Reminder, you must pre-register your child before November 27th in order to be eligible to audition.

Important Dates:

Monday December 11th: Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades

Wednesday December 13th: 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades



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Thursday December 14th: Middle School and High School (grades 6-12)

Friday December 15th: Callbacks (your child is only needed if they are asked to come back). The callbacks list will be posted on <http://www.hoboken.k12.nj.us> under the "The Arts" link/Theatre Department/District Musical. These callbacks will take place from 3:15-6pm as a group as it's a small number of students who will be called back. If your child is NOT called back, that does NOT mean they are not cast. Please check the finalized cast list that will be posted on December 20th..

Wednesday December 20th: Final Cast list and 1st rehearsal schedule will be posted on <http://www.hoboken.k12.nj.us> under the "The Arts" link/Theatre Department/District Musical.

Tuesday January 16th: 1st rehearsal is 3:15-6pm (check rehearsal schedule to see if you are needed/mostly leads).

Leads will be needed 4-5 days a week from January 16th through show performance dates

Ensemble rehearsals will start February 26th.

Show Dates (6):

Monday May 13th: Invited Dress Rehearsal at 5pm

Wednesday May 15th at 5pm

Thursday May 16th at 5pm

Friday May 17th at 7pm

Saturday May 18th at 2pm

Sunday May 19th at 2pm

*****Please do not audition if you cannot attend all of the performances*****

Tuesday May 14th we are off with no show

Please pack a water bottle and snack for your child for auditions and rehearsals daily. The K-2 grade ensemble will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays weekly from 3:15-5pm. If your child already has commitments after school these days please do not send them to auditions.

Additionally we will be holding a "Mock Audition Fundraiser" on Saturday December 9th from 9am-12noon. Information will be sent home about this event at a later date. It is meant to help prepare your child for the audition process. Casting will NOT be based on who participates in this fundraiser event. This event coincides with the high school's Makers Day (noon to 3:00 pm) and is sure to be a family fun-filled day of STEAM activities.

On behalf of the entire production team, we look forward to working with your children in this production.



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