



WOODBURY HIGH SCHOOL Speech & Theatre Boosters

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Welcome to the 2014 - 2015 Woodbury High School Speech & Theatre Season

**Your Student is in the musical, which
means...**

**You are a member of the WHS Speech and
Theatre Boosters!**

Congratulations on your student being cast in **Curtains** and welcome to theatre at Woodbury High School! We thank you ahead of time for your support and time. As a parent of a cast member, we rely on you to help us with a number of tasks from now through the end of the show.

The Booster organization supports the directors, crew, families, and students involved in Woodbury High School Theatre which includes the Fall Musical and the Spring Play. We also support the WHS Speech team and help with the One-Act Play.

We are pleased to welcome back Marcie Berglund as the director of our fall musical. Joining Marcie is our own Daryl Timmer as Co-Director and Vocal Director. We also welcome back Tark Katzenmeyer as the director of our live orchestra.

With the reintroduction of a live orchestra, we were able to participate in the Hennepin Theatre Trust Spotlight Award Program for the first time last year. We received several awards and a number of our students got to perform on stage at the Orpheum. We are excited to participate in the Spotlight Program again this year! Our goal is an Outstanding Overall Production Award so that our entire cast gets to sing a

medley on stage at the Orpheum!

We are also excited to be celebrating our past and future successes with a gala reception following the opening night performance on Friday, November 14th. Be sure to join us for the dessert and the festivities.

We welcome your input and assistance throughout the school year. Please attend a parent meeting on **September 10th at 7:00 pm** where we will meet the directors and hear about volunteer opportunities. Your attendance is very much appreciated.

Some of the volunteer opportunities that have the most urgent need to be filled are:

-Assistant Ad Sales

-Assistant Volunteer Coordinator

-Assistant Cast Meals

-Senior Showcase Coordinator

If you have any questions about the boosters or if you have any concerns during the year, please feel free to contact Sheila Cain, Bob or Katie Roche, Winnie Williams, or any of the booster board members. Also, remember to check our website for information. Thank you for your support of theatre at Woodbury High School and we are looking forward to a great theatre production year for our students, their families and the school.

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Please Volunteer

The Fall Musical is a time of energy and excitement! It is also a time where a number of volunteers are needed to assist with the show. There are a number of "Before Performances" slots as well as the positions needed during the show performances. **Each family is asked to please fill 5 volunteer spots, making sure that at least 2 of those are on performance nights**, in order to allow all parents to attend.

When volunteering for a performance night position, you are available to see most of the performances as space in the theatre and the position permits. See the information below for more information about the volunteer opportunities available.

To sign up for the volunteer slots go to Signup Genius and you can sign up on your own. We should have the link set up soon on the boosters website. If you are having difficulties, email us at woodburystboosters@gmail.com after looking at the list and we can sign you up. Links are available on the boosters website: www.whsspeechtheatre.com.

Thank you for your help!

Volunteer Opportunities

House Manager

- Arrive one hour before show time.
- Will remain in cafeteria throughout show.
- Answer questions and keep it quiet. Bring a book!

Tickets

- Two volunteers are needed for each show.
- Please arrive 70 minutes before show.
- This is best done on a night when you do not have tickets for the show since you will be asked to stay 20-30 minutes after the start of the show.

Concessions

- Six volunteers are needed for each show.
- Three will need to come 75 minutes before the show starts to help set up tables, make popcorn and sell concessions before the show.
- When the show begins, the stand will be closed.
- All six need to leave the show 15 minutes before intermission to prepare for intermission.
- After intermission, there is a brief clean-up performed by the later three.

Ushers

- Four volunteers are needed for each show.
- Please arrive 45 minutes before the show starts.
- Hand out program and help people find seats if needed.
- During show please remain at the doors during the show to seat latecomers and control access so the actors are not disturbed by the noise of the door opening and closing.
- During intermission remind patrons that food or beverages (except water) are not allowed in the auditorium.

Donation Table

- Responsible for greeting folks and collecting the items they may bring for service project. Please pack up the donated items and store in the auditorium after the show.

Flower Sales

- Two volunteers are needed for each show.
- Please arrive 30 minutes before the show.
- When the show begins, the stand will be closed.
- You will leave the show before intermission to be ready to sell.

Backstage Parents

- Two volunteers are needed for each show.
- Arrive 20 minutes before the show. This is a pretty simple job, you might want to bring a book.
- You are here primarily in case an emergency should arise. You might also zip a zipper, button a button, or make sure things stay quiet off stage.
- Volunteers stay in the hallways with the actors to provide assistance and keep it quiet.

Before/After performances:

Meal Assistance:

- 1 Multiple dates. Help set up, serve, and clean up after cast meals.
- 2 Donate a Dessert or Water

Ticket Sales: Multiple dates. Some evenings, some during day.

Sewing Assistance: Help with sewing of costumes and other simple sewing tasks.

Set Construction: Parent help needed with set construction including building and painting.

Set Strike: Assist the directors in overseeing set strike.

DO NOT purchase tickets on nights that you volunteer for House Manager, Tickets, Concessions, Usher, Flower Sales, or Back Stage Parent.

We try to reserve seating in the back for our volunteers during the show as space & position permits.

Opening Night Gala

We welcome you to an Opening Night Reception following the November 14th performance.

This event is still in the planning stages and we will need many volunteers for planning, decorating, and serving. We are planning on serving desserts and refreshments.

We are in need for a couple of volunteers to take a leadership position in organizing the event. If you think you may be able to help us, please contact Bob or Katie Roche at woodburystboosters@gmail.com.



Evening performances at 7 PM:
Nov. 14, 15, 21, and 22.

Matinees at 2 PM: Nov. 16 and 22.

WHS Theatre Tradition Of Giving Back To The Community

Musical theatre is a work of heart as much as a work of art. The WHS theatre family puts their whole heart into every production and we show that heart with a project that reaches out and supports our community.

This year the cast, musicians, and crew of "Curtains" will join together to collect items to help local women who have been victims of crimes. We will be collecting toiletries, socks, and nonperishable food items for Brit's Basket and a local food shelter.

It's no mystery that the efforts of our talented kids combined with the generosity of their families and the WHS audience will help improve the lives of lots of deserving people in Woodbury and St. Paul.

Beth Ann Bloom
Community Outreach Coordinator



Senior Showcase

Your child will be bringing home a form to include information and a picture on the Senior Showcase board.

This needs to be turned in by October 22nd. Please, help your student with this. The picture can be no larger than 4x6.

Check Out Our Website!

www.whssppeechtheatre.com

The WHS Speech & Theatre Booster website keeps students and parents informed about booster activities. We invite you to visit the website. From there, you can:

- Access Booster information and the **Boosters Communication Form**
- **Order Tickets** online for the Fall Musical.
- View a **Calendar** for rehearsal schedules and performance dates.
- Find volunteer information and links to **Sign-Up Genius** where you can sign up for volunteer positions.
- Find **links to the district activity fee online payment**.
- Find **contact information** for the WHS Speech and Theatre Booster Chairs and open chair positions.
- View **Advertising Information** for community businesses who wish to support theatre at Woodbury High School.
- The Spring Play will have a tab as well
- Speech information will be listed on its own page
- The One-Act Play will also have a page for information.
- Take a few minutes to visit our website and let us know what you think. We welcome your input and suggestions.

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Ticket Information

Tickets to "Curtains" may be purchased in two different ways.

Online Ordering Information

- Go to www.whsspeechtheatre.com
- Click on **Tickets** tab.
- Payment is through a PayPal account and funds are directed to the school district. The WHS Speech and Theatre Boosters **Do Not** receive any funds from ticket sales.
- **WHS Speech and Theatre Booster Members** will receive preferential ticket fulfillment prior to tickets being available to the general public.

In-Person Ticket Purchase

- At conferences on October 14 and 22 from 3:15 to 7:30 PM
- After school on November 10 and 11 from 3:00 to 7:30 PM.
- During school lunch from 11:15 to 1:00 on November 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, and 20.
- One hour before each performance as tickets are available.

Fees

To clarify any potential confusion about the fees that go along with being part of a WHS Theatre production, we have laid out the following guide:

Payment # 1: To District 833

- **District 833 Activity Fee: \$65.00 required fee.**
- This should be paid online at www.whsactivities.org. Note this is a different website from the Boosters website. Scholarships are available. Contact the Activities Office for more information.

Payment # 2: To WHS Speech and Theatre Boosters

- The following fees help offset costs of production that the Boosters cover.
- **Cast and Crew Meals:** The Boosters buy six meals for each member of the cast and crew from local restaurants during Tech Week. The cost of this is \$35.00. Vegetarian options are available.
- **T-Shirts:** T-Shirts are optional but we will be wearing the t-shirts for a cast and crew photograph for the program. Kids who do not purchase a t-shirt will be asked to wear a similar colored shirt for the photograph.
- **Donations:** The Boosters receive no revenue from ticket sales and no funding from the school district. Instead of asking kids to do fundraising, we ask each family that is able to do so to make a contribution. As a thank you, families that make a contribution of \$25.00 or more will receive a DVD of professional photographs of the cast, crew, and orchestra during production and performances.

THANK YOU

