

PIT ORCHESTRA PARENT/ GUARDIAN AGREEMENT: GVHS, Spring 2024



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Thank you for supporting your child as they audition for the Pit Orchestra of Great Valley Drama Guild's 2024 spring musical, *Mean Girls*. We are very excited to bring this fetch show to the GVHS stage!

Putting together a high school performance is a community effort. I understand that families have busy schedules (I have two busy school-aged children myself), and it is in the interest of GV Drama Guild to communicate with families so those schedules may be managed for both rehearsals/ performances and your personal lives.

Pit rehearsals are Tuesdays, 6-9 pm. A lot of time is put into making these schedules, and an unexcused absence affects not just the performance of the student, but also other members of the pit. Please REQUEST absences BEFORE revised schedules are posted. This includes family visits, work, trips and other extracurricular activities; emergencies and illness are exceptions. **MANDATORY DATES are 3/12, 3/16, 4/2, 4/4, 4/6, 4/8, 4/9 with opening night Thursday April 11 and then the 12th and 13th.**

IMPORTANT: If the production team feels a Guilder's growing number of requested/ unexcused absences are unreasonable and will negatively affect the show, they will contact that Guilder's family. If unexcused absences persist, or requests for absences become unreasonable and detrimental to the production, a Guilder may be asked to drop-out or assume a smaller responsibility.

Sometimes, a student may be called for a short rehearsal. We understand this can be a hardship on families due to chauffeuring. If your child is not disruptive, we invite them to remain for the entirety of a rehearsal(they can bring homework!). So, if your child is only required 6-7pm for a rehearsal, they are welcome to stay until 9pm (do pick them up promptly so production staff can go home!). Also, Guilders with driving licenses are often available for carpooling.

GUILD CANNOT SUSTAIN ITSELF WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS! There are many volunteer opportunities available for parents/ guardians/ family members, from making costumes to selling refreshments during intermission. **We will have a MANDATORY GUILD FAMILY MEETING January 20, 10-11am, in the GVHS Auditorium.** Please send at least one representative of your family to this important meeting. We look forward to seeing you!

Lastly, if your child is not offered a spot in the pit, they should reach out for feedback and not be discouraged from auditioning for future productions. Many thanks for your time reading this document. Hope to see you soon!

PLEASE SIGN IF YOU HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND AGREE:

Parent/ Guardian Printed Name Signature Date

Student Printed Name

Yours, in the Performing Arts,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Niesen'.

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