PARENT/ GUARDIAN AGREEMENT: GVHS, SPRING 2024

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Thank you for supporting your child as they audition for Great Valley Drama Guild's 2024 spring musical, *Mean Girls: High School Version*. We are very excited to bring this fetch show to our renovated GVHS auditorium!

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, as well as a full-time job), 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.

Rehearsals are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays 6-9pm; Saturdays, 10am-1pm. Please see the most current schedule under "Rehearsal Info" on dramaguild.org for further details. A student will not be required at every rehearsal, and a revised rehearsal schedule will be available every two weeks on the Drama Guild website. **A lot of time is put into making these schedules, and an unexcused absence affects not just the performance of the student, but also crew and cast mates**. 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 **March 12, 16; April 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12 & 13.**

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 role/ job. **Production fee is non-refundable.**

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, cast lists. Like a team sport, the most successful productions are those approached with teamwork. The production team spends HOURS of discussion as well as DAYS of musing over the cast list before it is posted. As performers ourselves, we understand the highs and lows of looking at that cast list and know what it is like to be disappointed; as parents, we also know how hard it is to watch your child go through this process. **While we appreciate students requesting feedback on their auditions (after the cast list is posted), we do hope you can encourage your child to be a team player even if they do not get the part they want**. If your child is not cast in the show, 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:

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Parent/ Guardian Printed Name Signature Date

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Student Printed Name

Yours, in the Performing Arts,

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