

Dear Students,

Thank you for your interest in Orchestra Pit for Drama Guild's 2024 spring musical, *Mean Girls*. Whether you have played in the pit before, performed in another audition groups, or this is your first time, you are welcome to send in an audition! Congratulations on this first step, because to send in an audition means to believe in yourself and that can be half the battle while performing in an ensemble.

The pit orchestra is an amazing ensemble, whose purpose is to provide accompanying music for the spring musical. From the Berklee School of music, "The pit orchestra takes its name from the lowered area in front of the stage, where musicians and conductor are situated during a theatrical performance. Reading from their parts, pit orchestra musicians play their parts with precision and timing, in order to accompany the actors and singers on stage. The end result is a collaborative performance that is more than the sum of its parts."

The GVHS Pit orchestra is going to be a professional sounding ensemble, whose members perform their parts with a true love of music. We are going to have fun while providing the Great Valley community a level of musicianship they can be proud of. If you have played in the pit orchestra in years previous, please send in an audition video we need your experience! If you have not performed before in the pit, this is your time! Believe in yourself and your ability, and send in an audition video. We are taking submissions from all levels of instrumentalists.

Instruments we need are:

Flutes (with piccolo), Clarinets (and oboe), Saxophone (soprano alto tenor bari) , Trumpets, Trombones, Piano and Keyboards, Drum Set and percussion section, Guitars (electric and acoustic) , Bass (Electric).

If any of these instruments apply to you, check out the audition music and send in your submission! We need you and your ability. In the case that there are more students than instrumental chairs available, selections will be made to get the correct number of spots available. In the case your audition is not selected, you will be promptly made aware along with the positives from your audition. All audition results will be promptly available with each audition getting their personal results sent to them individually. Regardless of the results, be proud of what you prepared and practiced!

EXPECTATIONS

Our rehearsal time is limited. We meet every Tuesday, 6-9pm in the band room from January 16-March 19. Once April hits we rehearse 4/2, 4/4, 4/6, 4/8, 4/9 and opening night is 4/11 with performances as well on 4/12 and 4/13. Musicians are expected at each rehearsal and to be tuned and ready to play by down beat at 6pm. Musicians are expected to bring a pencil to each rehearsal to write down needed notes in their music.

We are going to be awesome. We are going to provide a level of musicianship your family and friends will be proud of, and you will reach a level of musicianship you previously didn't think you could reach. Come join us, this is your time!

Sincerely,

Gregory Dippell
Great Valley Drama Guild Orchestra Pit Director