



VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

MUSICAL THEATRE PROGRAM – Open to Grades 9 - 12.

We will be offering the full Musical Theatre Program in the 2022/2023 school year. Student Info Meeting February 8th at lunch in the NWSS Theatre. No food or drink allowed.

The Musical Theatre Program at NWSS has seen great success over the last 15 years with productions of *Beauty and the Beast* (2020), *Crazy for You* (2018), *Legally Blonde* (2017), *Footloose* (2015), *Grease* (2011), *Bye Bye Birdie* (2009) and *Annie* (2008). Each production played to sold out audiences and received accolades from many members of the community commenting on the high caliber of talent and polish. The Musical Theatre Program provides students opportunities to engage in this style of performance while receiving course credits for their efforts. We will be producing a full musical production at Massey Theatre in 2022/2023 with rehearsals from September 2022 to February 2023, and performances in February/March 2023.

Students interested in participating in the Musical Theatre Program must express their interest on the paper copy of the course request form in the "notes to the counsellor" section of the form. They also need to sign-up for an audition (online at www.nwss.ca) , prepare audition materials and attend their scheduled audition. Audition information and sign-up can be found on the school website at www.nwss.ca. If selected to participate in this program, students will be hand-scheduled into the courses.

The musical theatre program has five streams, all of which work together to produce a musical production

1. Cast
2. Crew : Leadership
3. Crew : Running Crew
4. Crew: Hair and Makeup
5. Orchestra

1. Cast Stream:

For students interested in singing, acting and dancing onstage as part of the show. Students do not have to be strong in all three disciplines to audition, but rather must have interest and enthusiasm for musical theatre. After the audition, selected students will be placed in two classes:

Theatre Company (Musical Theatre) is scheduled on the timetable, semester one, as an elective course. *Musical Theatre* is an after-school Z block twice a week, plus additional time on weekends close to the performance date. **Courses: *Theatre Company (Musical Theatre)* and *Musical Theatre***

Cast Audition dates are:

Friday, March 4th 3:30pm to 6:30pm
Monday, March 7th 3:30pm to 6:30pm
Tuesday, March 8th 3:30pm to 6:30pm
Wednesday March 9th 3:30pm to 6:30pm
Thursday March 10th 3:30pm to 6:30pm

Auditions will be held in the NWSS Drama Room (rm 1220).

Visit www.nwss.ca for audition details and information. Be sure you are prepared for your audition

To sign-up for an audition and find audition information, visit the NWSS school website at www.nwss.ca

2. Crew Stream: Leadership

For students interested in learning about the behind-the-scenes aspects of musical theatre while being involved in the creation of a large-scale production. Crew will develop artistic abilities and technical skills, as well as learn about production design, technical theatre and theatre management. Crew responsibilities can include sets (design, creation and movement during show), props, lighting, sound, costumes, hair/makeup, marketing and management. Students receive credit for *Musical Theatre* and *Theatre Productions*. This stream will require some additional extra-curricular time commitments, particularly leading up to the performances and during tech/performance week. This group will take on leadership roles for production such as head costumer, props master, stage manager, assistant stage manager and more.

Theatre Production is scheduled on the timetable, semester one, as an elective course.

Musical Theatre is an after-school Z block twice a week, plus additional time on weekends close to the performance date.

Courses: *Theatre Production* and *Musical Theatre*

Crew interview dates are:

Monday March 11th 2022, 3:30pm to 6:30pm

Crew interviews will be held in the drama room at New Westminster Secondary (room 1216). Information on crew application requirements can be found on the NWSS school website at www.nwss.ca

2. Crew Stream: Running Crew

For students interested in working during the show as running crew and participating in a weekly technical theatre club hosted by Massey Theatre. This part of the cohort will work independently and at the weekly tech club to learn skills needed to work during the run of the show backstage managing sets, props and costume changes. Students may also get a chance to operate the fly rail or spot lights during the show. Students enrolling in this IDS course must be committed to regularly attending NWSS Theatre Tech Club (weekly after school), attending rehearsals after school and on some Saturdays in Jan/Feb 2023 as well as they must be available for rehearsals leading up to the performances (1 week before performances) and during every performance.

Course: IDS Technical Theatre Musical Theatre Running Crew

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3. Hair and Makeup stream:

Students who are interested in learning more about hair and makeup artistry can consider joining the hair and makeup course. The hair and make-up students not only work toward designing, organizing and implementing hair and make up for the entire cast, they also learn a multitude of techniques and styles as they work their way through the course. Students interested can contact Ms. Cave at tcave@sd40.bc.ca and sign up for the Hair and Makeup IDS course found in the course selection handbook.

4. Orchestra stream:

Students who play instruments at a high level can consider joining the production as orchestra members. The live orchestra plays for all performances, as well as rehearses independently from the cast. Rehearsals will be outside of school hours, usually one evening a week, with increased involvement and time in the weeks leading up to the show dates. Musicians will be selected based on an audition or by invitation of the band leader. Auditions will take place Spring 2022. Depending on the musical chosen, the band may need woodwind, brass, strings, piano, guitar and percussion/drum set. Students in the band will register for Musical Theatre.

Students interested in the Musical Orchestra should speak to Mr Clements (sclements@sd40.bc.ca) directly.

Course: Musical Theatre (Z block, usually in the evening)

RECOMMENDED: Students involved in the Musical Theatre Program must be registered in either music, drama or dance courses concurrently. Students planning to audition should indicate their interest by circling the Musical Theatre program option at the top of the course selection sheet. Students then fill out a regular course selection sheet indicating the courses above as their #1 elective choice/Z block choice.

For more information, including audition info and sign-up, please visit the school website at www.nwss.ca and click on Musical Theatre Program.

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